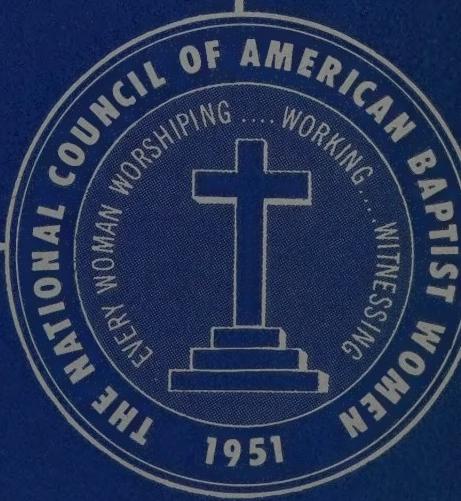


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## CHRISTMAS IS FOREVER

The tragedy is that even the wisest Christians limit Christmas to December 25, not realizing that this splendid sample is for sharing on December 26 and thereafter. Much as it was with poor Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch when she heard that a neighbor was going to Niagara Falls—instantly she hurried over with a pint bottle, begging her friend to bring it back full, so that she could know at long last what Niagara was like. A pint! Out of that picturesque perpetual downpour of thundering tons of water! *All power!* O Mrs. Wiggs! Mrs. Wiggs! don't be so satisfied with your four gills of mere wetness that you put it on your shelf and forget that you have it available.

In a year when Baptist women have as their theme "Living Water," there is astonishment about even that pint of Niagara. For let any Mrs. Wiggs in the denomination realize that scientists say that if the molecules in one pint of water were placed end to end, they would form a chain encircling the earth over two hundred million times! Quite literally the history of the Child born on Christmas growing up to call himself the Water of Life, and telling Christians: "*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them.* . . ."

Go and encircle the earth two hundred million times: baptizing people into the imperishable power of Jesus Christ, until His peace purifies hatred, until thirsty souls feel refreshed. . . .

Three hundred and sixty-five days of perpetual Christmas controlling your God-given gifts: eternal energy expended on everybody you meet, divine forgiveness for all who offend you, everlasting mercy toward miserable mortals, indestructible loving-kindness toward the unlovable—even unto the end of the world; Amen. The Christ of Christmas with you, day in and day out until 1959; and forever!

## ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR PURPOSE

Recently it was my privilege to attend a rice and curry dinner honoring Miss V. S. Prabhavati and the Reverend B. R. Moses of South India and Mr. Colon Kapini of the Belgian Congo. Miss Prabhavati is the headmistress of the Baptist Training School for Women in Ongole and a member of the Joint Council, which is the administrative committee for Baptist work in the Telugu area. Mr. Moses is the newly appointed professor at Ramapatnam Theological Seminary; he was pastor in Bezwada and promotional secretary of the Telugu Baptist Convention. Mr. Kapini is the assistant regional school inspector and assistant to the Reverend C. J. Jump, mission secretary for the Congo. These three workers are in the United States with thirteen other national leaders and nine missionaries for a period of two months to attend the overseas planning consultation. The purpose of this consultation is to evaluate the present program on all of our overseas mission stations and to make plans for the future.

Eight months of our program year have passed. We, like the nationals and the missionaries, could also turn our attention to an evaluation of our present program in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, with a view of learning whether we are achieving our purpose which is:

1. To unite Baptist women in their devotion to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ;
2. To plan a program that will cultivate a missionary spirit and a definite commitment to active participation in attaining the objectives of the American Baptist Convention.

From the findings of this evaluation, we shall learn how to plan for the remaining four months of the program year in order that we may achieve that which is ours to achieve.

# To the Presidents

From: **FRIEDA ROACH** (Mrs. Howard L. Roach)

*National President*

**National Council of American Baptist Women**

**HOME ADDRESS:** Plainfield, Iowa



## *Greetings to you at Christmas!*

As the December days bring the delights of Christmas, I can imagine the joy that abounds in your homes. It is the time of year to present and receive gifts, as we again observe the Advent of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Savior of the world.

While the whole world joyfully sings his praise, let us all receive him anew in our hearts. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, . . ." a precious gift, indeed, and so in response to his love, let us give ourselves afresh this Christmastide in cheerful and eager consecration to our tasks.

May we remember that having the Christmas spirit means having the spirit of Christ. "A person is spiritual when he seeks to live like Christ," said Dr. James R. Branton, professor of New Testament Interpretation of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, last summer. To live like Christ means that our devotional life must be renewed and strengthened daily by time spent in prayer and meditation.

Someone has said that effective leadership is the result of prayer and preparation. If all of us who are leaders in women's work should set aside some part of each day for private devotions, could not the purpose of our Council "to unite Baptist women in their devotion to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" be more nearly fulfilled? In the new year let us resolve to be more Christlike in all our ways.

## LAY DEVELOPMENT

By this time you will have completed the first year of the Lay Development Program in your churches. We hope that some of you have had the opportunity to serve on the association or church planning committee. Perhaps you were leaders of workshops.

- Was the participation in this program by your church a successful and inspiring experience?
- What has been—or is being—done to implement the findings of the workshop?
- As you evaluated your own church program in the light of suggested procedure in the various workshops, were you able to discern the strength and weaknesses of your church program?

You will now have responsibility in giving leadership, as needed, to carry out the decisions reached. If your

church did not find it possible to carry out the Lay Development Program this year, perhaps you can encourage active participation in 1958.

## INACTIVE WOMEN

As a result of the first year of the Lay Development Program, there should be a marked upswing in the number of inactive women who will have been welded into a vital relationship with the Woman's Society in our churches. We will want to assist the First Vice-President, in every way possible, in her program for integrating these newcomers into the life of the society. We will want to remember, too, that our responsibility continues until every woman member of our church is engaged in active participation in the program of our Woman's Society.

## "DEVELOPMENT"—THE THEME FOR 1958-1959

During the year 1958-1959, "development" is the major emphasis of the American Baptist Convention in the Lay Development Program. In cooperation with this plan the over-all theme in women's work next year will be "development"—development in the personal spiritual life of our women, development in training, development in programming, and in all other areas of our work. You will hear, in the future, from time to time, specific emphasis for each area of our work.

## POSTER CONTEST

The poster for this contest should publicize Woman's Day at the American Baptist Convention. Any member of a Woman's Society in an American Baptist church may make entries in this contest. The wording is limited to the following facts: Woman's Day, National Council of American Baptist Women, June 12, 1958, 9:45 A.M., Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio.

States will conduct a preliminary contest. The poster should be designed on paper measuring 8½ by 11 inches. It should not be folded. Pencil or crayon sketches are not acceptable. No more than two colors may be used.

"Judging will be based on clarity of message, simplicity of design, and artistic qualities," says Mrs. Kenneth Dannenhauer, chairman of Publicity.

## NEW PUBLICITY PAMPHLET

Our Publicity Committee has announced a new pamphlet, "Communications for the Church," By R. Dean Goodwin and Joan Thatcher. Order from the Depart-

ment of Communications, American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 35 cents.

According to Mrs. Dannenhauer, "Communications for the Church" is an exhaustive pamphlet and includes in its table of contents such subjects as:

1. "Writing the News Story"
2. "How to Use Photography in Church Publicity"
3. "How to Use Radio and Television"

This leaflet will be most helpful in the publicity work of your society.

#### AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

The America for Christ Offering is a regular part of our program for giving—to the Unified Budget—for the ongoing work of home missions. To this offering should be given the full cooperation of the women in our churches. You can be helpful in suggesting that early publicity, as a part of your total promotion among the women, is given to the receiving of this offering on February 23, 1958.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be observed around the world by Christian women on February 21, 1958. The program has been prepared by Christian women in Australia. The theme is: "The Bread of Life."

Women from every communion are invited to gather in the house of the Lord for this service of worship and prayer. If your society has not previously participated in this day of universal prayer, will you not urge your chairman of Spiritual Life to make plans to do so this year?

The service will be more meaningful if it is observed by your entire community. If a community service, however, is not possible, a small group may wish to meet in some home. Where even a few gather the Lord has promised to be in the midst. Children may also participate in this service.

#### WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Have you read the mission study books for the current study theme? You will want to be informed early in the program year on the contents of these books. The chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education in your society should have a complete list of the mission study books available. Even the smallest society will want to have several mission study books on hand for distribution to its members.

*Twelve Baskets Full* is the title of a new book of inspiring stories of Christian stewardship of time, talent and treasure, by Margaret T. Applegarth. Many have benefitted by her former books and will wish to own this one which is considered "the finest book in the Christian stewardship field." Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, \$3.00.

*Taught by the Master*, price \$2.00, and *The Devotional Life of Christian Leaders*, price 60 cents, by Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president of the American Baptist Convention and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., are recommended for study and dis-

cussion groups. These books will prove very helpful for leaders. Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore.

#### NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Fifth Annual National Women's Conference will be held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 12-19, 1958. It is planned that all national officers and chairmen will be in attendance at this conference. They will have responsibility for the division conferences, many of the workshops, and will provide leadership in other ways. For some time this plan has been a dream of those who have arranged the programs, each year, for the conference. Many officers and chairmen, attending previous conferences, have wished for the opportunity to meet their national counterpart in women's work. During the 1958 conference all national officers and chairmen will be available also for personal conferences.

Plans for the program of the conference are taking shape, and the conference promises to be one of our best. It is not too early to make provision in the budget of your society for sending an officer or chairman to the National Women's Conference. Your society will be strengthened by having a representative attend the National Women's Conference where she will receive training and inspiration.

Many will be interested to know that the National Council of American Baptist Men will hold their Laymen's Conference immediately following the women's conference, July 19-26, 1958.

#### CIRCLE PLAN LEAFLET

The Circle Plan leaflet is being revised. It will have a new look and will contain some new ideas for forming circles in our women's societies. The committee working on this leaflet has given careful consideration to all the ideas coming from your experience with circles in the local societies. Every effort was made to incorporate the best of each plan which was received.

The Circle Plan leaflet will be available soon. You will hear in the near future of its release.

#### "THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN"

In the report of "The American Baptist Woman" committee given at the September board meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, it was revealed that subscriptions to *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* had reached the seven thousand mark. Mrs. Thomas Ellis, chairman, said: "The response of women throughout our American Baptist Convention to this publication for American Baptist women leaders has revealed to us that a need is being met. For the first time, materials, plans and programs are being received directly by our local women. A bond of fellowship and oneness is being felt which will greatly strengthen our work." Appreciation was expressed to the state presidents for their fine cooperation.

That all Baptist women leaders shall know our total program, shall our goal be: Each state and association officer and chairman a subscriber; each local president a subscriber for herself and for her society.

# To the First Vice-Presidents

From: LETITIA CARROLL (Mrs. Frank R. Carroll)

National First Vice-President

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 212 Wilshire Boulevard, Dayton 19, Ohio



## Dear First Vice-Presidents:

As notices have been received of the election of new First Vice-Presidents, I have endeavored to send to each one a personal welcome to our division of First Vice-Presidents. If you have not received a personal greeting, may I say "Welcome" to you now.

The new Directory for 1957-1958 indicates several changes which I have not received. If correspondence has been directed to you as a First Vice-President and you are no longer serving, will you kindly forward it to your successor.

## PROGRAM BUILDING THIS YEAR

As First Vice-Presidents we should thoroughly understand that the emphasis to be placed upon program building in the Leadership Training conferences this year is partially our responsibility. Have you, in any way, participated?

◆ A state First Vice-President works on the state committee in providing the association committee with guidance in whatever way the state decides this is to be done, while the association leaders enjoy the privilege of executing the program to which the local leaders come for training.

◆ This emphasis is not only important to the division of First Vice-President; it is vital to the life and growth of all our societies.

◆ Mrs. F. W. McDermott, national chairman of Program, has prepared a supplement to the conference program and has mailed it to all association chairmen of Program. Much resource material and many program suggestions are thus made available and should be made a permanent part of the workbooks of the chairmen of Program.

## IN YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

Many First Vice-Presidents continue to carry the responsibility of one or more division chairmanships and at the same time also serve as First Vice-President. If you are so serving in the state or association, it is important that your correspondence not only include and channel information of the First Vice-President, but that letters be sent specifically to the First Vice-Presidents—either in the association or local society—for whom you are carrying the responsibility. In this way the duties and responsibilities of First Vice-Presidents take shape. First Vice-Presidents will realize that they

should not be carrying the responsibilities of both the First Vice-President and a chairman. The work of First Vice-President will therefore be carried more effectively.

## LET'S HAVE A SYSTEM!

As I continue to make suggestions for our new plan for "Reaching Our Inactive Women," I realize that I am writing to busy women—women who are carrying heavy responsibilities in division work as well as in the total program of the church. Because we are busy, our efficiency will be strengthened if we have a system.

It is important to keep a list—in your workbook—of women who have been approached and a note as to their attitudes toward the work of the Woman's Mission Society.

If there are situations which make a woman's attendance difficult, or if her attitude is negative, consider the situation carefully, together with your committee and pray that you will be guided in dealing with the individual problem. A second approach through some other woman in the society who may know her better might be the answer.

For those who respond to our invitation, the warm welcome, a personal interest and the opportunity to meet other women aid greatly in helping the newcomer to a feeling of "belonging."

Another way to secure the interest in the society and aid of other women is through reporting, during the business meeting, something of your personal efforts and the results which have been obtained.

This program can become alluring. Winning another woman into active participation in the society or the church brings great satisfaction, and wouldn't each one of us like to be the one to win another's interest?

Keep your committee alert to the opportunities to win others. If time permits, why not have each member of your committee report to the society?

The *Record and Annual Report Book* for 1957-1958 provides opportunity for you to report the results of your work to the association, state and national First Vice-Presidents.

## OTHERS RECOGNIZE THEIR OPPORTUNITIES

Other officers and Circle chairmen are recognizing their opportunity in connection with this program of "Reaching Our Inactive Women." A Circle chairman

in Kansas did something unusual. We have all heard how hot summer in Kansas can be. This chairman, despite that fact, decided to have a Christmas party in August!

First, she made and sent out provocative invitations which aroused the curiosity of all. Then on the day preceding the meeting—although the thermometer registered high in the 90's—with ax in hand she went in search of pine trees. She chopped one down, took it home and trimmed it as she would trim her tree on Christmas Eve. Even the weather decided to cooperate and that night the thermometer dropped!

On the following day the twenty-five women—including four inactive women—were able in the refreshing coolness of the day to enjoy a story of Christmas in Japan as it had been related by one of our missionaries. Gifts for missionaries were placed under the Christmas tree, and Christmas refreshments were served. That chairman is now busy with her future programs in which she hopes to draw those four formerly inactive women into full participation.

#### FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS ARE WORKING HARD

Letters are indicating that First Vice-Presidents are working hard on this program for "Reaching Our Inactive Women," and some are exhibiting much originality in adapting the suggested "Program for Action" to their particular needs. Originality, you will find, adds enthusiasm and sparkle to any effort.

A local society First Vice-President in Nebraska corralled all active women in the society to a meeting at the church on a Sunday afternoon. They then set forth to call on the inactive women. We are now inviting this First Vice-President in Nebraska through this column to let other local First Vice-Presidents know what they did in her society by way of a special meeting for those who responded to the invitations extended by the callers. We should like to publish such a report, including the results of their effort, in the next issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

#### SPEAKING OF RESULTS

This task of winning inactive women which we have accepted CAN be accomplished!

One society, having an attendance of twenty to twenty-five members present each month, began working immediately after their election of officers last spring. They met; they planned; they made calls all during the summer on the inactive women.

Last week when this particular society held its first meeting fifty women came! Many of them had young children which required three women to serve as baby sitters. A special program was planned for the day and a salad luncheon was served. The offering was sixty dollars.

The members of this society now feel the challenge as never before to make every meeting as meaningful as was the first one.

If you are a First Vice-President in a small society, you, too, may be able to do something as unusual and as worth-while. Try it!

#### WHAT DOES ONE SAY?

As we make our calls in the home of inactive women, many of us lack confidence in our ability to make the right approach. There are many ways through conversation to win their interest.

I have asked Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette, our national chairman of Literature, to give us her thinking on this subject. These are her suggestions:

- The best possible approach is one of natural simplicity and sincere friendliness.
- Always bear in mind two facts: (1) You both are members of the same church; therefore you have something in common with which to begin—later you will find other interests such as children, community conditions, recipes, and so forth. (2) You have come not to ask a favor of her, but to invite her to membership in the Woman's Society which could be a source of enrichment to her life spiritually and socially—therefore there should be no hint of apology for your approach.
- A suggested initial greeting might be: "Good afternoon! You are Mrs. Brown, aren't you? I am Mrs. White, a fellow member of the . . . Baptist church."
- Mrs. Brown will probably invite you in at this point, while wondering whether you are going to ask her for money! This is a very natural wonder, and you should set her mind at ease immediately by saying, "I haven't seen you at our Woman's Society meetings and I wondered why you haven't been coming. We meet, you know, on the second Thursday of the month." From here on you "play it by ear"; that is, you suit your response to her remarks.
- If Mrs. Brown says her time is otherwise filled—with Parent-Teacher Association, clubs, and so forth—you might suggest that even out of a very busy program she might be able to arrange for one or two afternoons a month for Christian women's church work. If she says that she feels she might not be too useful, assure her of opportunity to serve in some way which she feels within her scope. If she says that she has children, suggest to her arrangements made by other mothers. Often other mothers in the society take this responsibility or baby sitters are provided.
- Interpret to Mrs. Brown the importance of the work which interests thousands of women in more than thirty-four different states—thus reaching far beyond the local church.
- Do not stay too long.
- Invite Mrs. Brown to come to the next meeting as your guest. Offer transportation. Be sure to be present to welcome her personally when she arrives, if you are not accompanying her to the meeting. Telephone her the day before the meeting, reminding her that you are anticipating her being at the meeting.
- If your first efforts are not fruitful, do not become discouraged. Keep trying.
- Above all, pray for wisdom and guidance in this important task.

# To the Chairmen of Program

From: HELEN McDERMOTT (Mrs. F. W. McDermott)

*National Chairman of Program*

*Division of the First Vice-President*

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 1813 West Iles,  
Springfield, Illinois



## Dear Friends:

As I attempt to pick up the responsibility which Lois Mayes has carried with such efficiency and enthusiasm I am appalled. I can't promise to do all that she has, but I will do my best, in my own way. I will be grateful if you will write to me and suggest the kind of article you would like to see appear on this page, and if you would share some of your ideas and programs with me.

## WHO AM I?

Perhaps you are wondering about me, your new national chairman of Program. For the twelve years before I married, fourteen years ago, I was the state director of Christian Education for the Ohio Baptist Convention. Then I married into a wonderful ready-made family. We have today three married daughters, one son and four grandchildren. For the past three years I have been president of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of the First Baptist Church, Alton, Illinois. We now live in Springfield, Illinois. My husband, who is a minister, is the director of promotion for the Institutional Budget for the Illinois Baptist State Convention. That's enough about me. Too much, perhaps!

## THE PACKET

Undoubtedly you have now planned your programs for the year, making use of some of the programs, probably, in the program packet, "Living Water." Since the program packet, "Living Water," is out of print, if you have not already planned your programs select other program materials that will meet your needs. Don't hesitate to do something different. It creates interest.

## LONGING VERSUS WORK

A magazine salesman was doing his best to get a certain farmer to subscribe to a farm magazine, but he wasn't succeeding very well. Finally he said, "Don't you want to learn how to be a better farmer?" "Naw," said the farmer, "I ain't farming half as good as I know how right now." I think that is true of a lot of us. We know the principles and material for program building but often fail to have good programs. We "ain't programming half as good as we know how." Why not? The following quotation contains the answer:

"Longing lights the lovely fire  
But longing brings thee still no higher  
To thy heart's desire  
Work, work and then thou shall know."

—SOURCE UNKNOWN.

We want interesting missionary programs, long for them, but do we WORK for them? Longing to play the piano will not make us good pianists. We must work—we must practice. Longing to know how to sew, cook, garden will not accomplish much unless the desire is accompanied with work. So with programs!

## THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A program committee should be carefully chosen. No one should be put on the committee who is not willing to give time and effort to the task. The program committee should be regarded as an important committee for, so it is. Perhaps our psychology has been wrong in many situations at this point. Years ago I saw a cartoon of Andy Gump, who had been fishing all day and caught nothing. Finally he took his bait and put it in a glass jar where the fish could see the bait but could not get it. Immediately it was surrounded by fish, large and small. Andy then is pictured as saying, "Don't tell me they aren't human. Look at them. Just 'cause they can't get it they want it." We need to make the appointment to a program committee one of honor and importance. It should be regarded as a desired appointment and a marvelous opportunity.

After the committee is appointed, the chairman should secure copies of the program packet. Every committee member should read every program before the initial meeting of the committee, evaluating each program in the light of NEEDS of the society, not whether the program is hard to put on, or whether the members would like it.

## PROGRAMS SELECTED

When the committee meets, after earnest prayer for the leading of the Holy Spirit, programs in the packet which will be used in society meetings should be selected. If you do not find enough that you think are suitable for use in your group, you will then be obliged to turn to other sources.

## USE NEW WOMEN

The next step is to assign programs to various women. Do not select the same members year after year. Of course some will be the same, but every year certain women who have never been on a program should be requested to serve. All too often, after a committee has secured the consent of various women to present programs it feels that its work is done, but that is not the case.

## FOLLOW UP

The chairman, or the member assigned to the task, should confer with those responsible for each program to see that adequate preparation is made and to help where needed. The committee members should check to make sure no one is planning to *read* her part unless the program *calls* for reading. Reading a part is one of the best ways to kill a program. The committee members should check to make sure that those responsible for the programs are using the newer methods suggested. For example, the program in the packet entitled "Navigable Rivers" can be a wonderful program or a deadly one, depending upon the time spent in preparation. A speaking chorus should rehearse many times so the members can speak as one, yet with different tones. It can be beautiful and effective. Someone should be selected for Maria who isn't afraid to act. Maria must not just sit and read! If a committee will *work* with the program, it will be an interesting one. If effort and imagination go into the preparation the program will be outstanding; otherwise it will fail in interest. Missionary programs can be interesting and exciting or boring. Which are yours? Your answer reflects the amount of work put into them. In later issues we shall discuss other matters but there is no substitute for WORK.

## CONFERENCE ON PROGRAM PLANNING

Those who are interested in program planning (and who isn't) are delighted that the Leadership Training Conferences this year are on program planning. The leaflet "A Guide for Conference on Program Planning" gives detailed outline for the day's program. It was sent to state and association chairmen early in the summer. A supplement has been prepared and sent to state and association chairmen of Program. We hope every association plans to have such a conference. Good publicity is a must if we would accomplish what we should. It does little good to plan a good conference unless we can get the women to attend. This is something they should all be interested in because most women will either be a member of the society or circle program committee or will be asked to take part. We all need to know about programs.

## AFTER THE CONFERENCE

The local chairman should try to practice the newer methods learned at the conference. When the program calls for a panel have a panel *discussion*, not four talks. Unless we make use of what we learn we forget it. Unless we do everything we can to make programs inter-

esting we cannot hope to attract new members. You are the key to winning new members, I believe.

## AS WE GO TO PRESS

Weekly the reports are coming in from state and associations, concerning their leadership conferences. Remember our goal is: A conference on program planning in every association this year. Please send us word concerning your conference on program planning. We hope that it has been or will be highly successful.

## THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

In many of our local societies the First Vice-President is also the chairman of the Program Committee. Now that the First Vice-President has been given the very important task of being responsible for trying to interest the inactive members, it would seem that she should not also carry the responsibility for the programs. Instead someone else should be given that privilege and opportunity.

## JUST SOME IDEAS

1. Homemakers' circles will find the leaflet "Study and Discussion Materials for Parents' Groups" very helpful. It lists materials that would be useable and pertinent for circle discussions. This leaflet may be ordered from the department of Adult and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, three cents.

2. Do you need a program on Stewardship? What group doesn't? Perhaps you would like to have a short presentation at each meeting before the offering. The booklet, 1957-1958 *Stewardship Facts—Learn to Give, Give to Learn* contains an abundance of material. Secure it from the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, 25 cents.

3. Our new missionaries need our interest and prayers. You may secure two picture leaflets—if your church has not received them—from the Council on Missionary Cooperation, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. You might group the missionaries according to fields of work. Take a group each month, show their pictures, pray for them, send a letter or greeting card. This would be good for circles. If used in the society meeting, new missionaries chosen for the day should be related to the area of the program. Programs should have cohesion, and not be made up of unrelated ideas.

4. The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board has a leaflet entitled "Flowing Streams." It offers excellent material for devotions.

5. A program entitled "White Cross Chatter" would be good for circle meetings. It may be a quiz program or panel of "experts." Secure from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York or from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 10 cents.

# To the Chairmen of House Party

From: HELEN HUSSEY (Mrs. Wilmer Hussey)  
*National Chairman of House Party*  
*Division of First Vice-President*  
National Council of American Baptist Women  
HOME ADDRESS: North Vassalboro, Maine



## Dear Friends:

Today as I sit at my desk writing to you, I look out and up to the hills beyond the water's edge where I can see how nature has arrayed the hills in beautiful vivid fall coloring. Soon all nature will be at its radiant best, with its breath-taking beauty of varied hues reflected upon the water in the brilliant sunshine. All of this beauty a gift of God for our enjoyment!

Then I think of those days in early December when THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN will arrive in your homes and we shall talk together, and I know by that time winter draws nearer and the second phase of fall has already taken place—the dismantling of the trees. Together we realize that the planning for house parties is not too unlike the process of nature. We plant the seed; it is nurtured and finally the bloom breaks forth in the form of the house party which affords opportunity for fellowship, training and inspiration.

For a chairman of House Party and her committee, winter is the time for planning. Shall we in this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN consider: (1) the suggestions concerning house parties made by those attending the meeting of the division of First Vice-President at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, last summer; (2) recommendations for the holding of a conference?

## DIVISION MEETING AT GREEN LAKE

You are, doubtless, interested in knowing about our division meeting at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, last July. The daily meeting of the division of First Vice-President was conducted by Mrs. Frank Carroll, national First Vice-President. Thirty-eight women were registered for this meeting, in which each member felt free to participate in discussions and to help answer the questions. A fine fellowship was enjoyed throughout the week and enthusiasm was exhibited for all the responsibilities of our division.

On the third afternoon of our division meeting when the duties of the chairman of House Party were discussed, the first question lead to the duties of the *local* chairman of House Party. The question was: "What should a local chairman of House Party take back to her society following her return from her state house party?"

The following suggestion was made: She should make a report on the house party and that report might be in the form of a skit, as suggested in the following column, given by the women attending the house party.

1. Use your ingenuity to dramatize a setting which would represent the women driving back from the house party, while discussing phases of the experience and the impressions gained by each one while attending the house party.

2. Try another setting which might be produced by the use of a couple of cots on which two of the women are sitting, indicating that they are rooming together. They are chatting about the interesting points which were covered at the house party, such as the spiritual and intellectual enrichment, as well as the fellowship and fun.

3. Consider a "House Party Echo" meeting. Appoint certain women to report on different phases of the program; appoint other women to report concerning leaders and speakers, representing each by quoting, as far as possible, something from their speeches.

The second question was "How does the local chairman of House Party promote attendance at a house party?" The suggestions made were that the local chairman should:

1. Keep materials relating to the house party and present them at the monthly meetings of the society. Suggested materials: maps, the names of leaders and of missionaries, subjects to be covered by workshops, and conferences.

2. Take registrations at each monthly meeting for attendance at the house party and send them to the state registrar.

3. Check her list of registrations for previous house parties, for possible attendants at the coming house party.

4. Extend personal invitations.

5. Report to her association chairman of House Party the names of all women in her society who have registered, indicating:

a. By date the years attended;

b. Those attending for the first time.

Such lists have value for the state house party committee as a mailing list for future house parties.

6. Contact the association chairman of House Party for helps and suggestions.

7. Publicize and promote the house party. Use her church bulletin, local newspapers, local radio stations, personal telephone calls.

8. Have members of her society who have previously attended house parties, give a personal report. This could be informative, interesting and very pleasant.

9. Use the following skits:

"What Should You Don't Do?" By Mrs. R. H. Lightbody.

"Menu for Reading" By Mrs. Kenneth Cober.

"The Light of the World" By Mrs. John Sparrowk.

Send twenty cents for single copy, or fifty cents for set of three, to your national chairman of House Party, South Vassalboro, Maine.

### A CONFERENCE FOR CHAIRMEN OF HOUSE PARTY

If I were a state chairman of House Party, holding a conference for my association and local chairmen of House Party, I might proceed in the following manner:

1. Decide upon a place for the conference . . .

a. At the house party

b. At a training session during the year

2. Use two important booklets . . .

a. *Leader's Guide*

b. *Goals*

3. Consider the conference . . .

a. A time of conferring with each other; that is a time of give-and-take; needing direction in order that we do not wander.

b. A time for members of the conference to become acquainted, learning names and church affiliation. A brief time spent in this friendly way will pay dividends later when group participation is desired.

c. A time for reading and studying together *Leader's Guide* and *Goals* for the chairman of House Party.

d. A time of recording by a secretary suggestions and decisions.

4. Develop the purpose of the conference by the use of three principal questions . . .

a. How can the association and local chairmen of House Party be kept informed of plans and of the progress of the state committee on House Party?

Suggestion: Form buzz groups. Report findings at the close of the session. Allow brief time for questions.

b. What methods and devices should we use to promote attendance at the House Party?

Suggestion: Several women who have done a good job should be prepared to present *one* method. Have an experienced publicity person present the basic principles of good publicity.

Suggestion: Have a previously prepared display of fliers, favors, skits, and so forth. Discuss the merit of this display and these ideas.

Suggestion: Discuss setting a goal for a possible increase in the number of newcomers for the next house party. Consider whether newcomers should receive special recognition.

Suggestion: Consider the responsibility of the local society for securing funds to meet the expenses of sending the president of the society to the house party.

c. How can association and local chairmen of House Party interpret needs to the state committee?

Suggestion: Ask three women to participate on a panel discussion. Speak informally about specific matters; such as, information regarding parliamentary procedure, and principles of publicity, and methods for finding women with ability to make a contribution to house party programs.

### IMPORTANT TOOLS

• *Leader's Guide* for the State Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the *Leader's Guide* for the Association Baptist Mission Society contain a guide for the chairman of House Party. *Leader's Guides* may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents each.

• The booklet of *Goals* is out of print. New *Goals* will be printed in the spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Listed below are some of the goals for the state, association and local chairmen of House Party:

1. Study and know the contents of *The House Party Story*. Encourage each member of your committee to read it. Order from the nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 40 cents.

2. Read a book such as *Handbook for Group Leaders*, by Ann Brown and Sally Geis. It will help you to work more effectively with your committee and will give new ideas for program planning.

3. Remember that as a member of the division of First Vice-President you should be familiar with the work of the entire division.

4. Know and pass along, promptly, all information you receive.

5. Use every opportunity to publicize the house party. Use ingenuity and originality. Remember that short, attractive to the point publicity given many times will bear more fruit than one long speech.

6. Aim for at least one *new* church in each association being represented at the house party each year; for at least one newcomer from each church.

7. Help to organize transportation to the house party through car-pools, chartered buses or other methods.

8. Be on the alert for women of ability who might make a contribution to a house party program or committee and pass this information on to the state chairman of House Party.

9. Work toward getting our executive board to send our president to the house party, paying part or all of her expenses.

10. Promote attendance at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, working with our First Vice-President to seek ways of helping to finance part of the expenses for at least one woman.

**May the joy of sharing, the love of caring bring its richest blessing to you as in the months ahead you seek to do His will.**

# To the Chairmen of Literature

From: JENNIE EULETTE (Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette)

*National Chairman of Literature*

*Division of First Vice-President*

National Council of American Baptist Women

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## Bonjour, Mes Amies!

Yes, I mean just that—Good day to you, my friends! You *are* my friends, whether or not we have met in person. For do we not have in common a most important task? And are we not performing it in dependence upon each other's help, and because of love for the same Savior? And so I wish that each and every day may be a good day, filled with the joy of tasks faithfully performed, the happiness of a wide fellowship, together with the peace and tranquility which result from companionship with Christ.

## THE FOURTH NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A group of several hundred American Baptist women should be good judges of what is helpful and well worth-while. I think they were unanimous in declaring the 1957 National Women's Conference, held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, from July 13-20, "the best yet." The Bible hour set the high note for each day, as it was designed to do. The Open Forum periods brought much of interest and enduring help. The Workshops gave opportunity for digging deep into particular questions and for facing the special problems each one of us had met.

Our division, as you know, is that of the First Vice-president. Mrs. Carroll conducted division meetings in her usual effective and skillful manner. I am sure that everyone present went home with new enthusiasm and new preparedness for carrying her own responsibilities. I hope many more will plan to attend the 1958 National Women's Conference at Green Lake.

## A DIVISION OF SIMILAR UNITS

Through your own division meetings, whether local, association or state, you have already recognized the appropriateness of uniting in one division the chairmen of House Party, of Program and of Literature. Mrs. Frank R. Carroll has been able—and I am sure your own First Vice-Presidents have also been able—to instill into division meetings a feeling of sympathetic and helpful unity. That is as it should be, for these three chairmen are essentially closely related, and share in each other's responsibilities. This kind of cooperation is the secret of success for a division.

## A NEW RESPONSIBILITY

There has now been placed in our division of First Vice-President the responsibility for interesting and

enlisting the inactive woman. Please refer to the statement of the national First Vice-President in the fall issue, 1957, of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. Mrs. Carroll has given there an excellent description of the new goal, also a very definite "Plan of Action" for achieving that goal. You and I need now to broaden the concept of our own task as chairman of Literature. In addition to the part we play in the plans of the division itself for performing this new task, can we as chairmen of Literature exert a definite influence in interesting the women who have not attended the meetings of our societies? Perhaps you do not at once see how we can do this.

Do you recall what God said to Moses when Moses did not at once see how he could do something that was asked of him? God said, "What is that in thine hand?" Then God proceeded to show that he could and would use the simple thing that Moses had in his hand—his rod. The same question might be asked of us as we face this new task: "What is that in thine hand?" The answer? An attractive leaflet, an interesting booklet or a fascinating map of far away places. There are many instances of lives having been changed by some bit of reading. We have in our hands a powerful influence for interesting the uninterested. Let us put on our old-fashioned thinking caps, and invent new ways to help our divisions in accomplishing this important result among our women.

## WHAT, PARTICULARLY, CAN WE DO?

Find out what is of special interest to some woman who does not attend the meetings. Call to her attention some leaflet which has a connection with this interest. She may prove to be very grateful. She does not know how worth-while our meetings are, and how they broaden the scope of one's life and thought. Nothing worth the doing has ever been accomplished without enthusiasm. *We must believe in the importance of what we are doing*, and must give careful attention to details. The effort to enlist the inactive and the uninterested women is truly Kingdom work, and God will bless our sincere effort.

## A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY

Because there is one job that we shall always have with us, namely, that of presenting literature persuasively, and even enticing, at various types of meetings, I am including here some of the suggestions for doing this

very thing. You will think of other ways. In fact, the value of making suggestions is that it stimulates the thinking of the one to whom the suggestion is made. We are apt to put too little imagination into our presentations. Often just one out-of-the-ordinary touch is enough to stimulate both interest and action. Also, a bit of fun and a laugh have often awakened interest and participation where a more serious method might have failed of the desired effect. This does not mean that we view our task too lightly, but that, like Paul, we use every means at our disposal. You recall that Paul said, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the Gospel's sake."

#### SUGGESTIONS—SOME OLD, SOME NEW

1. Since there is not sufficient time at the meetings of the society for an unhurried examination of the literature, try having an "At Home" day for literature, held either in a private home or at the church. This could be a time of happy fellowship, also. Ask the minister to announce it, and to emphasize the fact that all women and young people are invited. A cup of tea adds to the sociability. If morning as well as afternoon hours are chosen, some women might drop in after their morning marketing. Literature *belongs* in our daily living and thinking at all hours.

2. At house parties or state conventions it is sometimes possible to have a special room set aside for the literature display. It is attractive and helpful to have the literature laid out on tables, according to the classifications in "Literature Highlights," with different colored signs, so that each may easily find the particular material sought. Prices should be clearly indicated, and pieces which are free should be so marked. The person in charge should *know her materials*, and thus be able to give information and advice.

3. A Baptist Bookmobile is sure to attract attention. A wire cart, such as chain stores use, decorated with crepe paper bows, makes a most effective display—or a wheelbarrow, also decorated, would serve the same purpose. These may be wheeled down the aisle as the presentation is being made from the platform. One chairman induced her little grandson to pull his little play wagon, filled with literature, out onto the platform. Some items might even have been pinned to his diminutive sweater.

4. The daily paper often carries news items about the very places mentioned in our leaflets. Holding the paper in one hand, and the leaflet or booklet in the other, it is easy to point out how timely and up-to-date our missionary work is.

5. An old umbrella, with literature pinned upon it carried down the aisle, together with a sign saying: "Interesting reading for a rainy day," has had good results. One chairman used a beach umbrella, carried by two girls dressed in old-fashioned bathing suits. The sign read: "Our suits may be out of style, but our literature is strictly up-to-date."

6. A newsboy with typical canvas newsbag, walking down the aisle and calling his wares: "American Baptist World News," captures the attention, as he hands out a free leaflet here and there.

7. The use of a large globe will create interest. One person speaks of some piece of literature, while another twirls the globe pointing to the places mentioned. Both should be enthusiastic in making the presentation.

8. A "coffee break" staged upon the platform by several young women, each one of whom talks informally about a particular book or leaflet *which she has previously read*, is a very effective method.

The important thing—and the purpose in all of these suggestions—is to make the women *literature-conscious*. That is one great part of our task. Then, to advise them intelligently, and help them to choose wisely, would naturally follow. We should mention that some of these interesting items would make very acceptable gifts for friends. Furthermore, and of even greater importance, is the permanent influence for good, by such a gift, upon the life of some young and dearly loved person. We are custodians of a vast supply of wealth. Let us make every effort to see that it is well distributed among those to whom it should bring knowledge, inspiration and spiritual enrichment!

The two dramatic presentations, "For My Children's Sake" and "Thirty Years From Now," both call attention to the important work of the chairman of Literature. In addition, they may help to interpret the spirit of the National Council of American Baptist Women, its purpose, and some of the results it achieves. Copies of these sketches may be ordered from me at fifteen cents each. *Be sure to order all other literature in accordance with the Key to Ordering given in "Literature Highlights."*

#### WHAT RESOURCES DO WE HAVE FOR OUR TASK?

We are "heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ." This means that all of God's resources are ours for the taking. He calls us to a wise and lavish use of them.



A TRYST AND A TRUST

I will bring my pitcher daily to the well  
Of Living Water, and fill it to the brim,  
Certain that He who meets me there will tell  
Me how I best can serve and honor Him.

# To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: HARRIET BARKER (Mrs. Marshall B. Barker)

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*Division of Missions*

**National Council of American Baptist Women**

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## **To all Vice-Presidents of Missions:**

"To the saints who are also faithful in Christ Jesus; Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

May I greet you in the words of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians! If you will read on in the book, you will know more of what I would like to say to you for ". . . I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, . . ." (Ephesians 1:15-16 RSV).

Surely we vice-presidents of Missions have a "high calling from God" as we seek to make known throughout the world those "unsearchable riches of Christ." May we consecrate ourselves to the task!

## **FROM MISSION TO CHURCH IN BURMA**

When missionaries first went into countries such as Burma, India and China, there were, of course, no churches, nor could churches be started immediately. The mission came first and the missionaries were the mission. When churches were finally established they existed side by side with the mission.

Through the years American Baptists have called Burman churches "our mission churches" and the program "our work," for the churches of the American Baptist Convention have sent missionaries, have contributed money and have supplied program plans.

The Burma Baptist Convention was organized in 1865 and has met annually practically ever since. Because of the many languages spoken in Burma, the churches are organized in language group conventions rather than into state conventions on a geographical basis as we do here in America.

Two forces at work: The development of the church itself in self determination and self support, and the rise within the church of its own sense of mission have made the church more and more important and the mission has become less and less important.

The transfer of responsibility for the direction and coordination of the Baptist program from the mission to the Burma churches is nearing completion. Both missionaries and Burma nationals are members of the Burma Baptist Convention and will work side by side. We should be proud that God has used our money and our missionaries to establish such a church in Burma. It may be said that the MISSION has become the CHURCH.

It must not be supposed that the missionary task of American Baptists is finished in Burma. Only three

per cent of Burmans are Christian. Large areas have not been reached; many people, especially women are illiterate; pastors and leaders need training; refugees and others need food and medical aid. The help which American Baptist missionaries can give will be needed for years to come.

Don't fail to read *Burma Crossroads* for an up-to-date report on the Baptist program in Burma. Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 75 cents.

## **RESOLUTION ON RACE RELATIONS**

At the Convention in Philadelphia an important resolution was passed. It is the official statement of American Baptists on the matter of race relationships. It is worth studying, especially this year when our home mission theme is "Christ, the Church and Race." This resolution is an important part of our missionary information. Can you make it known to the women of your church and together implement it with Christian action?

Most of this resolution passed by American Baptists at the Convention in June, 1957, follows:

"To speak on relations between the races is a mandate to American Baptists assembled in our fiftieth anniversary sessions. To remain silent now would be to confine in prison the love of God and his people that motivates us.

"Our convictions demand that we speak, because we believe that God has made all men in his image, and therefore all men have equal rights.

"Our history demands that we speak, for our missionary investment of prayer and money in behalf of minority peoples in America is one of our major investments.

"Our fellowship demands that we speak, because millions of Negro Americans and other minority peoples are not only our brothers in Jesus Christ, but are also members of the same family of Christian faith in Baptist churches.

"Our consciences demand that we speak, for we know that alienation from any of God's people is a sin that alienates us from him.

"Our faith demands that we speak, because we believe that men can be reconciled to each other as they are reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

"Because we accept these facts we dedicate ourselves to the following objectives:

1. That membership in each Baptist church shall

be open to all people of its community regardless of their race or national origin.

2. That each church shall choose its minister on the basis of character and ability without regard to racial background.

3. That each church shall work to assure equality for all people in education, employment, housing, and political activity.

4. That members of our churches shall base their fellowship with others on individual merit without regard to racial origins.

5. That we shall not align ourselves with any organized group or movement that works to retain segregation whether in country clubs, sororities, fraternities, service clubs, organizations of property owners, the Ku Klux Klan, White Citizen's Councils, and all exclusive groups that deny membership to others on the basis of race.

6. That each Baptist organization, school, home, and hospital shall follow practices that are consistent with clear policies of racial nondiscrimination."

#### Will You Make These Objectives Yours?

#### ANNUAL OFFERINGS

Has your church made a generous gift to the World Fellowship Offering for our American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies and The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board? Gifts for this fund will be received through December 31, 1957.

Soon your pastor will receive the material for the America for Christ Offering, which is taken in February. The theme this year is "America for Christ begins with YOU."

Plan with the missionary board or committee of your church to decide how you may best present this challenge to the women of your church.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS

The report blanks for the work done this year will be practically the same as those of last year. You will be asked whether you have held division meetings and whether you have promoted the two annual offerings among the women of your church.

#### DIVISION MEETINGS

Have you had a division meeting this fall? An opportune time is immediately following receipt of an issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. Then you and your chairmen can read the four pages of the division of Missions and decide what you might do to increase the interest of the women of your church in our great American Baptist World Mission.

Read again the pages of the fall issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. They carried many practical ideas for your chairmen.

If you do not have a chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education, of Speakers and Interpreters and of Special Interest Missionaries, consult your president and try to find women to fill these offices. A division meeting is like a committee meeting. As vice-president, you are the chairman of the division. Each of the other members has her specific area of the work,

but it is important that you all work together as a team to attain the major goal of our division which is: "To promote an active interest in the American Baptist World Mission."

#### MISSION TOURS

Have you been fortunate enough to hear a report by someone who took one of last year's Home Mission Tours to Central America? If so, you know what an inspiring and delightful experience it was. Another group, under the leadership of the Rev. Clifford Hansen, will visit our Baptist work in that area from January 31 to February 14, 1958. The cost of this tour is less than six hundred dollars. Further information may be had by writing Mr. Hansen at the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

A world tour to visit many of our mission stations is also planned for January by our American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. Write to Mrs. Philip Curtis, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, for additional information.

#### ANNUITY AGREEMENTS

Annuity Agreements with our mission societies guarantee a safe income for life. They are especially suitable for the older woman with capital to invest who requires a high rate of return for her present needs and who also desired to help in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

#### GREEN LAKE 1958

It is not too early to make plans to go to Green Lake next summer. The National Women's Conference is July 12-19. The National Missions Conference is August 9-16. It is hoped that many state Woman's Baptist Mission Societies will plan to send a member of the state division of Missions to the Missions Conference. It would also be splendid for our churches to plan to send a member whenever possible to the Missions Conference.

#### GOALS

The booklet of GOALS is out of print. If you own one, use it, as it contains many good ideas.

New goals will be printed in the next issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. Watch for them.

#### A PRAYER\*

"Dear Father, make of my heart a channel through which you can pour joy into the world. Let all that is heavenly flow through me so 'that my joy may be full.' Let me be as steadfast in carrying your blessings to others as the streams are steadfast in carrying water to the sea. I would share with others only joy, only gallant, high hopes, only love and strong conviction: only thoughts of you. I would be a channel for you only, dear Father. This is my prayer."

—MARION B. SHOEN.

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# To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: DOROTHY ELLIS (Mrs. Thomas E. Ellis)

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Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

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## Dear Friends:

This is a very special time of the year when we come together, for every woman is anticipating the Advent season and the part she will play in its observance, both in her home and in her church. May it be a blessed and joyous time for each of you!

## MISSION STUDY COURSES

You are now, probably, in the midst of programs and mission study courses on "Japan" and "Christ, the Church, and Race," and have, no doubt, read many of the study and reading books recommended for this year's themes. Reading and study books and supplementary materials are listed, as you know, in the leaflet, "Friends Through Books," which should be in the hands of your chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education.

We are, of course, keenly aware of the acute situation in some sections of our country regarding desegregation. We call upon every woman in our denomination to bring to her thinking on this subject a well informed, intelligent and understanding wisdom and to make her Christian influence felt in helping to solve the problem.

## FOR YOUR READING

*The Kingdom Beyond Caste.* By Liston Pope. \$1.25.

*Progress Against Prejudice.* By Robert Root. \$1.25.

*Seeking to Be Christian in Race Relations.* By Benjamin E. Mays. \$1.00.

*Sense and Nonsense About Race.* By Ethel J. Alpenfels. 50 cents.

These books give valuable information on this timely subject. They are listed in "Friends Through Books," and may be purchased in your nearest Baptist bookstore.

Six meditations on "Christ, the Church and Race" are available from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. This devotional material is especially helpful for use in a Church School of Missions and for mission study courses. Price, 25 cents.

## STEWARSHIP



Many of you who have enjoyed the writings of Margaret T. Applegarth will be interested in knowing that she has recently published a book on Stewardship, *Twelve Baskets Full*. The chapter headings are intriguing and her characteristic charm in story telling will make this book a "must" for every society. Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, \$3.00.

We are constantly aware of the endowments God has bestowed upon us and realize they must be used for his purposes. As each woman gives of her money, her ability and her time, she becomes a good steward and develops as a child of God. We realize more and more as we study the various phases of stewardship that stewardship means putting our all of life into God's hands.

## LITERACY CHRISTMAS CARD

The World Literacy Committee has produced a beautiful Christmas card for 1957. The Japanese Christian artist, Kimi Koseki, in her painting, "Child of Light," places her infant in a woven basket as is the custom in her country. Children bearing gifts gather round the Holy Family. The calligraphy is from the hand of Toyohiko Kagawa.

The card may be ordered from the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. The price is as follows: 1 box of 100 cards and envelopes, \$10; 5 to 19 boxes, \$9.00 per box; 20 boxes or over, \$7.50 per box. The proceeds from the sale of this card go to the work of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature.

## AMERICA FOR CHRIST

Time slips up on us. Therefore, this is an early reminder that material will be available the latter part of January, or early February, for the America for Christ Offering. It is suggested that this offering be taken the last Sunday in February. We are sure that our American Baptist women will wish to have a share

in giving through this offering to our American Baptist home mission work.

## MATERIALS

While in New York, attending our board meetings, I had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Lenore Porter in her fascinating shop. Mrs. Porter is a retired Methodist missionary. Her husband was pastor at Isabel Thoburn College in Lucknow, India, from 1923-1928. At the request of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education, Mrs. Porter opened her import shop, where, representing the Cottage Industries, she sells the handcrafts of the people, made in their homes and villages. The beautiful dolls, brassware, weaving and ornaments show the ingenuity of these people.

This year, Mrs. Porter has imported many lovely things from Japan, which may be used in connection with our foreign mission study. Among the decorations are four-inch paper parasols; four-inch paper lanterns on ten-inch sticks and silk fans. The little "Folk Dog," a "must" for every Japanese home is a symbol of good luck, happiness and easy childbirth, and is always found on the girl's doll shelf. A real, miniature Torii, the entrance gate to every Shinto shrine, in red and black lacquer with a sweet sounding bell and clapper will add much to your meetings when used in the place of a gavel.

These are only a few of the interesting items. Send to Mrs. Lenore Porter, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, for an illustrated brochure of the many beautiful items in her office. Since there is only one intermediary between Mrs. Porter and the people who make these lovely items, a large portion of the sale price goes to them.

## PERSONALIZING MISSIONS

Let us try this year to learn more about the missionaries who are serving us in the country and stations of this year's study, "Japan," in order that we may refer to them in a personal, informative way that others may come to know them too! Refer to *A Book of Remembrance* for background material. Then request the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, to send you copies of letters of the specific missionary or missionaries about whom you wish to give additional information.

## REPORT BOOKS

I am taking this opportunity to clarify a question that caused concern in our annual report. The question was asked:

1. Number of women reading books? ..
2. Number of books read? ..

Whenever a book is read it counts as *one* book. If three women read the same book it counts as three readers and three books read. A society may have five books, but if ten women read those five books, the society may report fifty books read.

If a book is *reviewed* before a group it does *not*

count as having been read by the group. If a book is *read* before a group—in its entirety—then each member may count it as having been read by her.

## CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

Many of our women have inquired about the decision on seals and certificates. The department of Missionary and Stewardship Education has issued the following statement:

"New Certificates of Achievement are to be distributed to the churches that have completed at least four of the eight goals of the church program on missionary and stewardship education. The certificates have a new format. They will be distributed annually doing away with the previous use of seals; they will bear the signatures of the area director of Christian education and the state or city chairman of missionary and stewardship education. They will be distributed from the state or city society offices to those churches whose reports were sent to the association and state chairman of missionary and stewardship education. Chairmen of the church committee on missionary and stewardship education, which have reported on the following goals and whose churches have qualified should have received their certificates in October. The eight goals of the program are:

1. A committee on missionary and stewardship education meeting regularly.
2. A churchwide and graded school of missions and other study courses.
3. A missionary emphasis in the Sunday church school.
4. A missionary reading program.
5. A worthy and challenging missions budget.
6. Missionary and stewardship worship and feature programs.
7. Missionary and stewardship education projects.
8. Leadership training for this task in missionary and stewardship education."

An article was written in the September, 1957, issue of *Missions* on the missionary and stewardship education page, giving a full explanation of this new plan. We women no longer carry the responsibility for the total church program, but this information will help us to know the procedure that is being put into effect. There might possibly be, of course, instances, too, where our women are still carrying this responsibility and to them the information will be valuable.

## RESOLUTIONS ON RACE RELATIONS

Please refer to pages 13 and 20 for quotations on the matter of race relationships taken from the resolution passed by American Baptists at the Convention in June, 1957.

Another resolution was passed recently by the church-women of Little Rock, Arkansas. If you have not read the October 2, 1957 issue of *The Christian Century*, be sure to locate a copy. You will not want to miss the editorial entitled "Hats Off to the Women of Little Rock."

# To the Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters

From: PAULINE MAUL (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)  
*National Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters*  
*Division of Missions*  
National Council of American Baptist Women  
HOME ADDRESS: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana



## Dear Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters:

As I write this copy I can see from my kitchen window a beautiful maple tree. Its leaves are gold and green, and the sunshine gives it radiance. As I look at it and at the other trees near by, their beauty brings God's goodness to my mind. My thoughts then turn to thankfulness that we may know God as our loving Father and that we may bring to him our grateful hearts. Then comes to my mind this question: "Are we doing all that we can to help in sending the good news to everyone?"

## PERSONALIZE MISSIONS

We need to personalize missions. This may be done in many ways, some of which are through the use of: (1) missionary letters; (2) illustrations from letters; (3) mission books.

*A Book of Remembrance and Baptist Study and Worship Guides* give information about the mission fields, as the Pen Sketches give information about individual missionaries. To make missions more personal, we need to use names of missionaries and of definite places. Definite, rather than general, information is more conducive to arousing and sustaining audience interest.

Objects from the culture of other countries add interest to programs. It is usually possible to find something from the country about which one speaks. Young men and women in the service personnel of our country often send souvenirs home, and in the world today there are many other travelers.

The use of a map helps. Most folk have a limited knowledge of geography, and, therefore, it is well to point to the place being discussed, call the people by name, tell a story that lives—personalize your message.

## BE A BOOSTER

It is hoped that all Speakers and Interpreters are talking about and helping to promote the annual home missions offering—AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING—to be taken on February 23, 1958. Materials which are to be used in preparation for this offering will do two things: (1) they will educate; (2) they will inspire better giving.

## WORDS FROM AND TO THE WISE

One of our women, who is a Speaker and also an Interpreter, writes that she keeps a file with a folder for each mission field. When she receives a packet

she separates the material and places it in the proper folder. Then when she is invited to speak on the work of a specific field, her material is already assembled. Such organization is indeed helpful, is it not?

Another woman writes that she likes to use as much of the material in her packet as possible. She, therefore, prepares interesting items and uses them in the women's meetings and sometimes in the Sunday Church School. This is another good idea which we could profitably adopt, don't you think?

## NO UNEMPLOYED, PLEASE!

While some Speakers and Interpreters are used many times there are others who prepare but are not invited to tell their message. This is very discouraging to the Speaker or Interpreter. Can we not find ways to remedy this situation? There are so many places where they should be heard. The association chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters are urged to send the list of Speakers and Interpreters to pastors of the churches in their associations. The local chairman of Speakers and Interpreters must be alert to find speaking opportunities in her church for the Speakers and Interpreters.

## GOALS IN SPRING ISSUE

To be sure that each officer and chairman has the goals for her area of work, GOALS will be printed in the spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. You should receive your copy early in April.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As chairman of Speakers and Interpreters, you should know the answers to the following questions:

- ◆ How is a Speaker and Interpreter appointed? The president of a Woman's Society confers with the association chairman of Speakers and Interpreters in regard to the appointment. If the appointment is made, the name is sent by the association chairman to the state chairman of Speakers and Interpreters who sends a complete list of Interpreters for the state to the headquarters office of the League of Interpreters, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, and a complete list of Speakers to the Speakers Bureau, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. All notices of withdrawals or new appointments during the year must come through the state chairman of Speakers and Interpreters. Only names sent in by the state chairman are entered

on the mailing lists at headquarters in New York. (Exceptions are possible if clarified.)

♦ Is one country or subject assigned to each person? An attempt has been made to send only material on the work of a field chosen by the Speaker or Interpreter, but that involves more work in the office than a limited staff can handle. Therefore, the complete mailing on all fields goes to everyone. If extra materials on any particular field are needed, a post-card request to the office will secure them for you. Background material should be used to give an audience an understanding of the country or area in which the missionary works, but the work itself must be the chief message.

♦ Are reports expected? Every Speaker and Interpreter must consider her Annual Report a part of her total responsibility. A continuous record should be kept during the year. In March, report blanks are included in the packet. On these blanks the totals for the year are to be recorded. Send one copy to headquarters in New York and one copy to the association chairman of Speakers and Interpreters. From these individual reports, the association chairman compiles the association report and sends it to the state chairman of Speakers and Interpreters.

♦ What talks are to be reported? Talks given either in the church or by invitation elsewhere. They are to be well-rounded, planned talks on missions. Announcements, brief illustrations in Sunday Church School and the like *do not* meet requirements. *Missions* is the one subject.

♦ Who makes appointments for the Speaker or the Interpreter? Appointments for speaking are arranged in various ways. The local chairman can make suggestions for the use of Speakers and Interpreters for meetings in the church, and she may make the contact and appointment with the Speaker or Interpreter. The association chairman may learn of other opportunities where a Speaker or Interpreter may be used and proceed with the arrangements. Likewise the state chairman is watching for opportunities for Speakers and Interpreters. Very often a Speaker or Interpreter is invited directly by a church, getting the name and address from the Association Directory.

♦ Who pays expenses? The church or organization which extends the invitation pays travel expenses and provides any necessary entertainment.

♦ What does a Speaker or Interpreter do after she receives the invitation? Be sure to have all details regarding time and place of meeting, type of group, name, telephone number and address of the person responsible for the appointment and direction for reaching the place of meeting. Never be late! Never speak overtime! Never fail to meet an appointment unless because of illness or an emergency. Notify at once the person by whom the invitation was extended, if unable to fulfill obligation. Have speech well in hand. Never read it! Be sure to inquire if a worship service is expected in addition to the missions talk.

♦ What if the Speaker or Interpreter moves? Notify the headquarters office in New York, either the Bureau of Speakers or the League of Interpreters of the change in your address. When a packet is returned by the postoffice for better address, the name of the addressee is dropped from the mailing list until it is reinstated.

♦ How often are packets sent out? Three times a year: spring, summer and fall.

♦ How is the work related to the National Council of American Baptist Women? The chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters promotes the work of the Speakers and Interpreters through education of those attending house parties and other events in securing invitations for them to speak. The chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters—state and association—secure the personnel for the League of Interpreters and the Speakers Bureau and furnish their names to the New York offices. The New York offices send out materials, receive and make reports, and provide extra material and information and advice to the Speakers and Interpreters who request it. The Interpreter's League, the Speaker's Bureau and the National Council of American Baptist Women cooperate in planning and in promoting the annual breakfast at the Convention.

**Remember:** The Speaker and the Interpreter "stand in the shoes of the missionary," extending his or her voice, keeping churches abreast of stirring events and critical needs on the field. It is a challenging assignment. Approximately 200,000 persons are reached each year in audiences of Speakers and Interpreters.

#### A CHALLENGE TO ALL \*

One hundred million Americans without Christ! Can such a shocking figure be true? What can I do about it? Merely to ask the question is a beginning but there is more. Search your heart until you can express your faith. With a faith to share, search for a lost one. Don't be fooled by the outmoded concept of "the lost" as being the gambler or the inebriate. The great host of those outside the church look and act much like yourself. What can you do? Be a missionary. Work through your church and win someone to Jesus Christ. Even this will not be enough, for there will still be men, women and children living beyond the reach of the established church. Your gifts of money will make possible the sending of home missionaries to unreached areas.

One hundred million Americans are with Christ! This is the new frontier of home missions!

#### COMING EVENTS

Are you planning to attend the 1958 Convention in Cincinnati? If so, do not miss the Speakers and Interpreters Breakfast. Let it be known that this breakfast is open to anyone attending the Convention.

\*Adapted from the Anniversary Number of *Vignettes*, a booklet published by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

# To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: JUNE GATES (Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr.)  
*National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries*  
*Division of Missions*  
National Council of American Baptist Women  
HOME ADDRESS: 630 Glen Avenue, Westfield  
New Jersey



## *Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries!*

Greetings to each one of you who is a chairman of Special Interest Missionaries! I am sure that you feel as I do that our particular task is very important; one to which we should give much time, thought and prayer.

Since this is my first opportunity to visit with you through these pages of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, perhaps you would like to know something about me. I am a minister's wife. My husband, Elbert, is sometimes spoken of as "Pearly Gates"; this may ring a familiar bell. We have three children. Our son, Ted, is a first year student at Ottawa University, Kansas, and he is very enthusiastic about the college and the friendliness of the people of the Middle West. We also have two daughters, ages sixteen and nine. Brownie, the dog, and Snowball, the cat, complete our family. Thus you can imagine there are few dull moments in our parsonage.

In our church my special interest is the Sallie Peck Guild of which I am the advisor. In addition, I recently became the leader of a new circle. While it is better that leadership be spread throughout our organizations in the church, emergencies sometimes arise which make it necessary for one person to carry more than one responsibility. The Woman's Society in our church feels that growth is best achieved by adding a new circle every two years. However during the past summer one of our leaders was hospitalized and another accompanied her husband on a trip to India. Rather than fail to add a circle this year—in accordance with the plan to add a circle every two years—I consented to become a circle leader.

In the fall issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* when Mrs. Russell Smith introduced me, she mentioned my recent return from a world tour to our foreign mission stations. A trip scheduled for my husband to Australia gave us the opportunity to fulfill a long felt desire to visit our mission fields. Several days were spent in the Bengal Orrisa field of India, and in Burma, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, and the Philippines. By our personal contact with our missionaries at their stations we became more aware of their sacrificial lives, and our desire to do whatever we can to ease their way increased.

The trip to our foreign fields and my membership on the board of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies have given me first-hand information regarding our foreign mission work. First-hand information regarding our home mission fields comes to me from the Reverend Paul O. Madsen, secretary of the department of cities, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and from the Reverend Wilbur E. Larson, secretary of the department of Latin America, who are both members of our home church in Westfield, New Jersey. In fact, recently in passing the home of Mr. Larson, he asked me to stop for a moment to meet the general secretaries of the Latin-American countries, who were here attending conferences and who were at his home for lunch; thus affording me a further opportunity for contact with the work of our American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

## LET YOUR IDEAS BECOME OUR IDEAS

What are some of the ways in which you are working as chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in your local society? If you have done something unusually successful for your special interest missionaries, will you please send such suggestions to me to pass to other chairmen?

You may be interested in the following two ideas about which I heard this summer. These ideas came from Massachusetts.

► A clothespin on which is printed in indelible ink the name of one of the society's special interest missionaries is given to each woman before the meeting begins. One woman enters, wearing a house dress; she carries a basket of wet clothes. She sets the basket down and begins to hang up the clothes on the line strung across the front of the room. As she hangs the clothes, she complains about her backache and wishes she had an electric dryer. As she picks up the clothespin one attracts her attention. Studying it she finds written on it the name of a missionary. Her thoughts turn to the work of the missionary who carries on under difficulty without a murmur. She expresses her embarrassment at thinking of her own small troubles when she should be supporting the missionary with her prayers. Her whole attitude changes and the complaining ceases.

Each woman was requested to take home the clothespin bearing the missionary's name, and place it in her own clothespin bag. It was hoped that when she came upon it the next time she would be reminded of the special interest missionary.

► The second Massachusetts program was an adaptation of the well-known television production, *Wide Wide World*. Scenes from various parts of the world showed several missionaries reading from a recently received letter. The Massachusetts women used sound effects such as rain and wind in their production.

You can keep your special interest missionaries in the minds of your women by putting on a five-minute skit at three or four of your meetings during the year.

#### RESOLUTION ON RACE RELATIONS

As a member of the Division of Missions, I was requested to print on our pages, for the chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries, extracts from the resolution of the American Baptist Convention on the matter of race relationships. Part of the resolution passed by American Baptists at the Convention in June, 1957, follows:

"To speak on relations between the races is a mandate to American Baptists assembled in our fiftieth anniversary sessions. To remain silent now would be to confine in prison the love of God and his people that motivates us.

"... we dedicate ourselves to the following objectives:

1. That membership in each Baptist church shall be open to all people of its community regardless of their race or national origin.

2. That each church shall choose its minister on the basis of character and ability without regard to racial background.

3. That each church shall work to assure equality for all people in education, employment, housing, and political activity.

4. That members of our churches shall base their fellowship with others on individual merit without regard to racial origins.

5. That we shall not align ourselves with any organized group or movement that works to retain segregation whether in country clubs, sororities, fraternities, service clubs, organizations of property owners, the Ku Klux Klan, White Citizen's Councils, and all exclusive groups that deny membership to others on the basis of race.

6. That each Baptist organization, school, home, and hospital shall follow practices that are consistent with clear policies of racial nondiscrimination."

These objectives are implemented with some suggestions concerning the Baptist Jubilee Advance and the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the Civil War. Then follows the conclusion:

"We call upon our Baptist churches to join with other churches to demonstrate interracial understanding and shatter the illusions that engender fear between

races. Beyond the present battles over race we envisage an era of harmony, coming in response to the prayers, the thinking, and the Christlike living of many people."

I hope you will bring this extremely forthright statement to the attention of your society and of your church so that all may know how delegates voted at the Philadelphia Convention. Have a coffee hour some morning with a group of your women and see how these resolutions can be observed by your own church and community. These troubled days cause us to realize that we must take a firm stand.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

One of your chief tasks, as the chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in your society, is to interest the entire church in these missionaries.

• Their pictures and Pen Sketches should be displayed in a prominent place, in order that the members of the church will become familiar with the life and work of these special interest missionaries.

• When birthday and Christmas gifts are made, it might be well for the entire membership to be given opportunity to share in the giving. A suggestion for gifts reached me from a church that had a stocking shower of all sizes which were sent to the missionaries for distribution as they saw the need. Remember it is necessary that gifts be sent early in order to arrive on time for the day intended. Remember, too, that duty is very high on certain items. It would be especially kind in sending a gift if you would also send to the treasurer of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, the cost of the duty on the gift sent to the missionary.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to follow the instructions for sending mail, money gifts, and packages to special interest missionaries, that are printed in the leaflet, "Specialties for our Specials." If you do not have a copy of this leaflet in your society, send to the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, for your free copy. If you could see, as I did, a family opening a package from the homeland, you would want to make certain that packages were being sent regularly. Gifts, letters and prayers are needed! Keep them going!

• Request your pastor to insert, in the church paper, portions of letters from your special interest missionaries. If you do not have a church paper, suggest that these letters be read at a midweek meeting.

• Ask your pastor to include your special interest missionaries by name in his Sunday morning prayer. Suggest that each organization in the church also pray for the special interest missionaries during devotional periods.

You have other ideas, I am sure. Please send them to me. They will be appreciated.

#### POWER THROUGH PRAYER

"God has entrusted us with a power by which we can bring strength, comfort, and guidance into other lives. Yet how seldom we remember to pray!"

—HELEN WALLACE.

# To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: RUTH MCKINNEY (Mrs. Wade McKinney)  
*National Vice-President of Christian Service*  
*Division of Christian Service*  
*National Council of American Baptist Women*  
HOME ADDRESS: 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland, Ohio



## Dear Vice-Presidents of Christian Service:

In just a few days now the air will be filled with the music of Christmas carols, stores will be crowded with shoppers of all ages, young evergreen trees will be shipped into cities by the carloads, and all the excitement, hurry and bustle of another celebration of the Advent Season will be upon us.

What will it mean to those of us who are in the Division of Christian Service? Shall we be caught up and carried away by the usual, ordinary, commercialized celebration of this wonderful day or shall we recognize anew the real meaning of the coming to earth of the Christ Child—of him whose whole life here was one of service to others?

## LOVE GIFT

Here is the great opportunity in our division to bring a worthy gift to the One whose birthday we celebrate. Only one month remains in this year for Love Gift giving. Have you surpassed last year's total in your church, association and state? That is the goal we must set for ourselves if we would reach the nationally planned sum of one-half million dollars.

Encourage your chairmen of Love Gift to make this month of December—in every possible way—a banner month of sacrificial giving by every individual woman.

## WHITE CROSS

For many of you, the time for filling your quota is passed. I hope you have worked with your chairmen of White Cross to see that each item was correctly prepared and was sent on time. If this has been done, you will certainly find some who are eager to continue the making of articles for those in need.

We have been told many times that the shelves in the Sales House at Mather School for girls in South Carolina are always ready to receive your gifts of good, clean, used clothing. It is from these shelves that many of the families of the community buy—at small cost—most of their clothing. The money received from these sales helps largely with the budget of the school.

Did you ever think what it would mean to you if all your clothing had to be second hand? No matter how good it was, someone else had worn it first!

Perhaps you grew up in a large family where the outgrown dresses and coats were passed on to the younger children. Very seldom was there a chance

for that younger child to feel the thrill of putting on a brand new dress—a dress purchased just for her.

Unless you have known these feelings you cannot fully appreciate what it means to a small child—and particularly to the teenager. It does curious things to their personalities.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if the boxes sent to Mather this month could contain many *new* dresses and little suits of all sizes, so that for Christmas there could be unusual joy in the hearts of the children who wear them?

How many women in our churches have one, two, or three yards of material laid aside in their sewing baskets, perhaps left from the making of some garment months ago? Suggest that this material be taken out of the baskets, be made into a dress or little suit, that it might bring gladness to the heart of some child.

One vice-president of Christian Service in a local society has already selected a group of women who sew and has asked each one to make a garment for the Mather Sales House. You may have other ideas of putting this plan into action. Remember, those who brought gifts to the Christ Child brought their *best*.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

In this area of our division's work at this time, especially, we are concerned with the song of the Angels, almost two thousand years ago, which proclaimed "Peace on earth, among men of good will." In our own country, as well as in other lands, we are acutely aware of the presence of too many men of ill will. Antagonisms and hatreds are rearing their ugly heads even in unexpected places. What greater service could our division render than to lead in a crusade, as it were, of *good will*. We must start in our own communities—even in our own homes—to become ambassadors of love and good will to *all* men.

In the fall issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN our chairman of Christian Social Relations offered an excellent recommendation that during this year 1957-1958 the chairmen of Christian Social Relations urge participation in Christian Social Relations Brunches, where the "Resolutions of the American Baptist Convention" might be studied and discussed. I hope you will help your chairmen of Christian Social Relations promote such brunches.

Another suggestion is that local societies invite to their regular meetings an entire society from another church—preferably of another race or nationality—for

the purpose of fellowship and exchange of ideas. Such a sharing will develop better understanding and will increase our capacity for good will. It is difficult to love someone whom we do not know, and it is impossible to really know one where there is no personal contact. To know one person of a group different from our own group is real progress. What do you think of this idea? Will you try it?

Vice-Presidents of Christian Service will you cooperate with your chairmen of Christian Social Relations in making this Christmas one of the finest ever enjoyed by students, studying in our country, from other lands? Of course, our interest in them and in their welfare should be continuous, but this is a very special opportunity for us to share with them the experience of what the coming of Christ can mean in our American homes.

If there are no students from other lands in your community, there are surely lonely people to whom the church through you can stretch out a hand of love.

Let *no one* spend this season unnoticed.

#### "IT COULD BE YOU"

We have been asking for a playlet which portrays the work of our whole division of Christian Service. Immediately following the Philadelphia Convention, the women of Connecticut produced such a program for their own use. You, too, we are sure, will be delighted to know that they have kindly permitted us to reproduce their excellent program. By substituting the names of women and missionaries from your own state for those of Connecticut, you will find it easily adaptable and worth-while. It might be well to present this program early in 1958, as a means of bringing the work of our division of Christian Service clearly into the minds of all the women. Copies are available at ten cents each, and may be obtained by writing to me at 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

"Unto Me," a playlet, No. 4 in the "Curtain Time Series," is available at your nearest American Baptist bookstore.\* Price, 25 cents.

We shall be pleased to receive a script for another such playlet. If it meets the needs of our division, we shall be glad to print it that others may use it.

#### A CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

The chairman of Christian Social Relations has carried an especially heavy load. Many of our Christian interests have been her concern. It has, therefore, been decided that the responsibility for promoting the collection of used clothing and of supplying food for Overseas Relief shall be transferred to the office of the vice-president of Christian Service, in order to lighten the load placed on the chairman of Christian Social Relations.

In spite of all that the national government and other agencies are doing, there continues to be great suffering and hunger among displaced persons as well

as in many destitute areas of the world. Through Church World Service our dollars can provide many more pounds of food than through highly commercialized agencies.

In the spirit of Christmas wouldn't it be a fine idea to plan through Church World Service that some inadequately clad children receive warm clothing and also an especially good meal at Christmas time? Send *clothing* prepaid by parcel post or express to Church World Service Center at one of the following addresses: New Windsor, Maryland; Nappanee, Indiana; 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, New York; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 3, Missouri; 1010 Ninth Street, Modesto, California. Note on the package the name of your church. If possible, send eight cents per pound for every pound of clothing sent to the Center. This is what it costs the warehouse to grade, wrap and bale the clothing and get it to the ports for shipment. *Money* from your society for food should be given to your church treasurer for him to include in his regular monthly remittance. Request that the amount be designated as follows: FOR WORLD RELIEF-FOOD.

#### CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS

Have you used all the projects offered in our manual "*Inasmuch*"? These, as you recall, may be used after White Cross quotas are filled. If you have made use of all the patterns in *Inasmuch*, perhaps you have found some other type of handwork for the members of your society. If so, will you please send your suggestions to me to be shared with others? THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN can be a wonderful medium for the exchange of ideas from Maine to California. All of us can profit by the experience of others.

The word "service" suggests activity to most of us: We are promoting our Love Gift, distributing and collecting boxes; we work with our hands to supply White Cross articles where needed; we are constantly busy in the many areas of concern in Christian Social Relations. There is grave danger that in our multiplicity of activities and great busyness we lose sight of the real purpose of it all. Let us always be mindful that every coin in a Love Gift box, every White Cross package, every Christian Social Relations' effort has as its ultimate goal the bringing of people closer to God. We minister to their physical needs that they may be better prepared to receive spiritual sustenance; that they may find the love of God the Father as it is expressed through the loving kindness of their earthly brothers. No person ever lived a more actively busy life than did the Master. Despite the press of duties there was always time for him to commune with his father through prayer. His is our example in all things. Let us follow his steps.

#### LOVE GIFT REPORTS FOR 1957

The local Love Gift reports for the fiscal year, January 1 to December 31, 1957, should be sent to your association chairman of the Love Gift by January 15, 1958, using the report slips from the "checkbooks." Association reports should be sent to State Chairmen by January 30, 1958, and state reports should be sent to the national chairman by February 15, 1958.

\* Baptist Bookstores:- 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 18, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash.

# To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: RUTH WAGER (Mrs. Lester P. Wager)

*National Chairman of the Love Gift*

*Division of Christian Service*

**National Council of American Baptist Women**

**HOME ADDRESS:** 189 Aberdeen Street, Rochester 11, New York



## LOVE GIFT GEMS FROM SILVER YEARS

As chairmen of the Love Gift we possess a priceless heritage. The love and devotion of countless Baptist women have been poured out through twenty-five years in promoting our gifts of love. It was our privilege to read all of the Love Gift materials in our office files, dating back to the beginning of the Love Gift in 1932. We were deeply moved and inspired by the contents of the leaflets, the posters and fliers, and the articles clipped from *Missions*. We believe that you, too, will enjoy reading and using some of the choice items in your own Love Gift promotion. Therefore, we are reprinting them here for you.

In the leaflet which was used with the *very first* "Silver Boxes," a quaint rhyme suggested clever ideas for promotion and an appeal for funds.

## CHASING THE CLOUDS AWAY

By Frances Burr McCutcheon

By simple living and prayerful giving  
How mighty the mite box might be!  
By cheerful giving and hopeful living  
We'd soon raise our budgets, you see.

Each cloud has a lining of silver we say  
And the sun when it shines through the rain  
Makes a rainbow of promise which brightens the day  
And the world is smiling again.

By all the devises and schemes that we know  
Let's fill every box to the brim  
For the manifold blessings our thanks we will show  
As we drop in our coins for him.

Give a poverty luncheon, cut out what you crave  
And serve only that which you need;  
Put into your gift box the money you save.  
You'll be surprised indeed.

Now measure your waist line, and carefully, too,  
Every inch earns a cheerful fine;  
And your age—a coin for each year will do.  
(We conquer by this sign.)

Thanksgiving and on Christmas too,  
A special offering take,  
And when this year is born anew  
Resolve this plan to make—

That with our gifts as clouds appear  
We'll turn them inside out  
And debts, depressions, doubt and fear  
Will all be put to rout.

## PROMOTION SUGGESTIONS FROM "MISSIONS"

Articles in *Missions* magazine suggested that:

- A silver box in the hands of a really interested woman can collect many a stray penny or dime.
- A box be kept in plain sight at all times, in order that many silver coins may be slipped in easily; that visiting friends might be encouraged to assist by adding silver pieces; that birthdays and anniversaries be remembered with special gifts; that your gifts be placed in the box as an expression of your gratitude.
- The box appear at weekly sewing meetings and at church socials and suppers.
- A captain be appointed and with her team sees that every woman in the church has a box and returns it with a gift.
- The president of the local society write letters to the women explaining the need for—and the use of—the Love Gift.

## BRICK BOXES

In 1934 when the boxes were called "Brick Boxes" the following verse was printed in *Missions*: Is Your Brick Box Number One or Number Two?

First Box: Forgotten and forlorn I live  
Upon a dusty shelf  
And feel so downcast and so sad  
I hardly know myself.  
Now I am empty—no not quite  
For sometimes you may hear  
A mournful jingle in my depths  
By pennies made, I fear.  
I scorn not pennies, no indeed!  
Their worth too well I know  
But two cents only in a box  
Does make one's spirits low.

Second Box: Clean, bright and happy, here I live  
Upon a mantle shelf  
And feel so cheerful every day  
With every thought of self.  
My owner loves her Lord so well,

And all her neighbors, too,  
She gives me something every day  
To spread the gospel true.

Among the leaflets a dedication service written in 1941 seems so appropriate for our theme "Living Water" that we are reprinting it here for you:

### GIFT BOX OPENING SERVICE

By Jennie Dorr Bromley

CHARACTERS: Spirit of Missions, in white robe  
Young Modern, in white dress  
Woman of Samaria, in Oriental costume

[Properties needed are a well, made of two boxes, a small one on top of a large one, covered with cobblestone paper; A small pail with a rope attached; a pail of water at bottom of well from which water may be drawn.]

MUSIC: "I Love to Tell the Story." [Played softly as Young Modern and Spirit of Missions collect gift boxes.]

SCRIPTURE: John 4:1-6. [Following the reading of the Scripture, Woman of Samaria comes down aisle carrying water jar on left shoulder.]

WOMAN OF SAMARIA: Just two days ago—yes—just two days ago I came down this same old path that my people have trod ever since the long-ago days of our Father Jacob. I came, thinking only of the water I must carry, and keep on carrying all the days of my life—up—up the steep path to the city of Samaria and my home. And such a home! I did not know how much it lacked—how far it was from being a real home. And then, sitting here, I saw him! Of course, I did not know who he was. Then he spoke to me—yes, to *me!* Such a kind and gentle voice! I knew I need not fear him. And he asked me for a drink. The wonder of it! To ask of *me*. Then he told me of the living water. At first I did not understand. I thought only of how wonderful it would be to have water always at hand, never again to come wearily to the well every day—every day to carry water uphill to my home. But, oh, he meant so much more than that, and he offered *me*—think of it—offered *me* this wonderful gift, the Water of Life. Somehow, as he explained it all to me, it seemed to wash my very soul, to cleanse my heart and all my life, making it pure and clean. But there was more. He explained to me his plan of salvation. That God is a Spirit and may be worshiped anywhere—not only in these hills or in Jerusalem only, but anywhere. Such a strange new teaching! And then, most blessed of all, he told me who he was, who he is! The wonder of it never ceases that the Son of God should reveal himself to a sinful woman like *me!* It has made such a difference in my life, already. I, who have always been so scorned by my townspeople, have now become a messenger to them; and, more wonderful still, they listen to me, and because of my message a great number of them came out here to this well and found him and brought him back to our city, where he remained two whole days. I just followed him around all those two days, listening to his words and drinking in thirstily the Water of Life.

But I must fill my pitcher and return. The hours

pass! [*Stoops and fills her pitcher from the well.*] I wonder if all the women who come after me—down through the ages—will know of the Water of Life. I want them to know of it. It has made such a difference to me. Now, let me see! How can they know about it? [*Pauses to think.*] There is only one way: someone who knows must go and tell others, just as I went and told of him to my townpeople. Yes, there must be messengers who will carry the story of the Water of Life to those who have it not, just as I have been telling all the people I meet in my own city of Samaria. And I wonder if all my sisters down through the years will have to carry water in this way for their homes—always up a hill? That I cannot know—but one thing is certain, they cannot all live close to Jacob's well, this wonderful well! There must be men and women and little children living in distant lands who will need to know of the Water of Life, too. [*Lifts face reverently.*] Dear God, may there be faithful messengers always who shall be willing to carry the story of this Water of Life into all the world.

YOUNG MODERN: [*Enters.*] Tell me, for I have heard your words, why you should be so eager to tell of Jesus, for you have known him only two short days. You know so little of him. He really could not have done so very much for you in two days.

WOMAN OF SAMARIA: Oh, but he has! Although he had never seen me before, he told me all things whatsoever I had done, and now my life is changed. Two days—yes, only two days, but I received his gift and now I live in him. [*Steps aside with jar on shoulder.*]

YOUNG MODERN: [*Sits by well.*] I have known him all my life, from the time that Dad took me to Sunday Church School, when I was just three. I have had the Living Water offered to me many, many times, and I have felt the love and help of Jesus through many difficult days. Yet, I have never felt the urge to go and tell others about him. But this woman who has known him only two short days is carrying the message to every one she meets. [*Lifts eyes reverently.*] Dear God, help me to be a faithful messenger, willing to carry the Water of Life into all the world. [*Bows head as piano plays "Take My Life and Let It Be."*]

SPirit OF MISSIONS: [*Enters carrying gift boxes on a white tray.*] See, I bring you the means whereby you may go into all the world, bringing the Water of Life to souls thirsty for God. These are the love gifts of the women of this church, brought today that you and others like you may be able to "go to tell." [*Hands tray to Young Modern.*]

WOMAN OF SAMARIA: [*Steps toward them.*] Oh, then my sisters through the ages have known this wonderful Master, and my sisters around the world shall hear the message!

SPirit OF MISSIONS, WOMAN OF SAMARIA and YOUNG MODERN: [*Sing together.*] "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

CONSECRATION PRAYER: [*Followed by music as women exit.*]

Adapted from a monologue by Mrs. R. W. Blossar.

# To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: PAULINE BROWNELL (Mrs. A. T. Brownell)

National Chairman of White Cross

Division of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 125 South Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois



## Greetings, Chairmen of White Cross!

Seated in the audience of the Illinois School for the Deaf, I was appreciating the play presented by the students. The stage settings and costuming—done by the students—were equal to professional work and the acting was good. As the players “signed” their speeches a reader let us, who have hearing, know what was being said. To me it will never cease to be a constant wonderment how these children learn to do so many things expertly in spite of their handicaps. Then I pause to give thanks that our state—and most other states—have provided schools and patient teachers to instruct these children who lack hearing.

As Christians we have obligations to the handicapped beyond that of paying taxes for administration to meet their various needs. We must also provide the added *part* that makes life *whole*. Not only must we assist those who have impaired physical ability, but we must also bring that which helps even the strong in body to become strong in character, too,—our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As Christians we pray and we study the Word so that the inflow will result in an overflow. And we know there can be no overflow if there is no inflow. Jesus said to a crowd of people one day, “If any one thirst, let him come to me, and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7: 37, 38 RSV).

Through our White Cross we may be channels for the “rivers of living water.” The missionaries whom we support by our giving to the Unified Budget of our American Baptist Convention are aided by the supplies we provide through our quotas, to express love and concern from overflowing hearts.

By this time we should know whether or not our local society will be able to fill the quota assigned to us so that no need of a missionary, or those whom she serves, will go unfilled. If you feel that you cannot fill the quota assigned to your group, please let your association chairman of White Cross know at once. Another group of women who have finished their work may want to do more.

We had a splendid report last year, but we dare not be content until our quota is filled 100 per cent.

## NUMBER WORKING ON THE QUOTAS?

When the question “Number of women working on the quotas?” appears on the annual report for White

Cross, we would like you to use this definition: *Working on the quotas means using one's hands.*

We are seeking to find the number of women who rolled or made bandages or worked in cutting, folding and sewing material or did any handwork in the filling of the quota. This total number should include also the women who spent time shopping for the materials and those who packed the boxes for shipment.

We hope, indeed, that every woman in the church has a share in the White Cross by contributing time and money and through her prayers that the work done may bring honor to our Father. By your answer to the question “Number of women working on the quotas?” however, we would like to learn how many women are serving through White Cross by *working with their hands* to fill the quotas assigned.

## WHITE CROSS FOR THE FELLOWSHIP GUILD

White Cross is a part of the actual mission program of our American Baptist mission societies. The missionaries are supplied in accordance with their requests. As the girls of the Fellowship Guild participate in White Cross they are helped in their general understanding of missions and trained in their responsibilities to support the missionary program.

The state chairman of White Cross for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society receives the entire quota for the state. She confers with the state Fellowship Guild Counselor as to the kind and amount of work the Guild girls can do. She assigns the quota for the Guild girls at the time she makes the association assignments and sends it to the state Fellowship Guild Counselor.

The state Fellowship Guild Counselor in turn divides the quotas among the associations, and the association Counselors then divide the quotas among the Guild chapters. The association Counselor considers carefully the age group and the number of girls in each chapter as she makes assignments. Each chapter should receive both an overseas and an overland quota.

As soon as the local Guild completes a quota and shipment is made, the assignment blank is completely filled out and returned to the association Counselor, who will tabulate the reports for the association and will forward her report to the state Fellowship Guild Counselor. This must be done not later than March first, in order that the state Fellowship Guild Counselor may tabulate the association reports and send the state Guild White Cross report to the state chairman of

White Cross of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, well in advance of the time her report is due.

Never should the Guild White Cross report be added to the report made by the local or association chairman of White Cross in the Woman's Society.

The National Guild report will show what has been accomplished by the Guild girls across the denomination.

#### MATHER SALES HOUSE

At this time of year the shelves at Mather Sales House are rather depleted. Have you looked over the page of items showing the needs of Mather? Have you accepted the responsibility of sending some of the needed articles from your group? Most women are pleased to be asked to help in this work. As chairman of White Cross you are the channel through which the overflow of women's hearts may pour to serve those who need refreshing.

#### SHIPMENTS TO THE PHILIPPINES

When sending packages to the Philippines the packages should be addressed to the specific institution and on the package should appear the words "In care of \_\_\_\_\_," giving the name of the missionary. For example:

#### EMMANUEL HOSPITAL

Roxas City, Capiz  
Philippines

*In care of Miss Flora Ernst*

FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION

If no institution is specified, then use the following example:

#### AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION

*In care of (Name of Missionary)*  
*(Address of Missionary)*

FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION

All packages must be marked: **For Free Distribution.** The words "for free distribution" are important.

#### OVERSEAS PAYMENT FORM

Each society should have an Overseas White Cross payment form for each shipment that is sent. This new form should be sent with the contribution of thirty-five cents per pound toward shipping expenses.

Heretofore it has been necessary when sending a payment on Overseas boxes to write a letter giving name and address of sender of the box, amount enclosed,

weight of box, and other necessary information. Now use of the new payment form makes it necessary only to fill in the form and mail it with check or money order.

**Important:** All three copies of the payment form should be returned to WHITE CROSS, Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, in a separate envelope—not in the packing slip envelope. The original copy will be stamped "received payment" and returned to the sender.

**Important:** Make remittance payable to WHITE CROSS, Women's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

#### PROGRAM MATERIAL

In the Ann Judson program packet for Guild girls there is an excellent skit about Mather School. It was prepared by Mrs. James Crothers, a public school teacher and a member of the First Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan. If you have an Ann Judson (junior high) group in your church, why not ask them to present this skit at one of your meetings. It would help your society to understand the need of Mather School and would give the girls an opportunity to show their ability and consecration.

*Distinguished Service—White Cross*, written by Harriet Tingley Barker, national vice-president of Missions, may be secured for ten cents per copy from the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

#### DEDICATION SERVICE FOR WHITE CROSS

A special service of dedication should be held before any boxes of White Cross are sent away from the group that assumed responsibility for assembling the articles. This may be done in a service in which the entire church participates, or at a regular meeting of the mission society, or in a simple service similar to the one which follows:

The chairman of White Cross should preside. She may introduce the hymn in this manner: About one hundred years ago a mother watching over a sick child in the night and thinking of the suffering in the world began to give thanks for the comfort found in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. From this experience Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson wrote the hymn we shall sing, the hymn calling the church to carry out its mission of consolation and redemption. (*All sing, "Oh Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling."*)

The chairman of White Cross continues: Through the past weeks we have been engaged in work and receiving gifts so that *(name missionary)* may have these *(name articles prepared)*. We have had joy and fellowship in the work. Now we would pray God to bless these articles to be used in such a way that he may be honored. Let each one pray silently. (*At the close of three minutes have a spoken prayer by one who has worked faithfully in the filling of the quota.*)

To close the service all should sing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

# To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: NYMAH VAUX (Mrs. Harvey E. Vaux)

National Chairman of Christian Social Relations

Department of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

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## Greetings!

One can easily imagine the excitement which is beginning to surround you with the approach of the Advent of Christmas. What a blessed time it is for all of us! Already people are selecting Christmas cards, hiding cherished gifts, planning for Christmas programs and family reunions. However, at this same time, newspapers, radios and television screens seem to denounce the song of the angels, heard so long ago over the fields of Bethlehem. There seems to be comparatively little *peace on earth and goodwill toward men*.

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

A splendid article entitled "Lillian Smith of Georgia," by Homer A. Jack, in *The Christian Century*, October 2, 1957, is well worth your reading. Lillian Smith, you will recall, is the author of *Strange Fruit* and *Now Is the Time*. For twenty years—and more—Lillian Smith has worked openly against segregation. Her books have always been good sellers, but today her voice seems to be silenced, although she is still lecturing whenever asked and she is still writing. Miss Smith believes that Southern white women have always spoken out more freely and boldly than the men. Southern church women are speaking out but they, too, are not being heard.

In reply to the question, "What can the Northerner do?" Miss Smith has given five suggestions:

1. Northerners should continue to criticize both segregation and racial violence in the South, not with a "holier than thou" attitude, but as deeply concerned human beings, with objectivity, friendliness, and humility.

2. Northerners should stop using the phrase "the South." Segregation exists in many "souths" today, and it may be in your town or on your street. Your opportunity may be in housing, fair employment practices, or integration into churches.

3. Northerners should try to communicate with those in the South who are opposed to segregation. "Northerners can be against segregation without running a single risk, but no Southerner can; for him there is always risk and loneliness." Keep the lines of communications open by writing and praying.

4. We should avoid using misleading verbal stereotypes, such as "extremists and moderates."

5. Northerners must work on their own problems. "If you had no discrimination in the North," stated

Miss Smith, "we could more easily get rid of segregation here."

Miss Smith also reminds us that a white Southerner working for integration is not often heard on the radio, nor seen on the television screen, nor are his words printed in the newspaper, for when he speaks he is working against the white race, against southern customs, sometimes against old family beliefs. He is actually looked upon with suspicion, and this is doubly true in the case of a woman.

The Council of Church Women of Little Rock, in a called session on September 9, 1957, went on record as expressing great concern over the situation which had developed in their communities, stating their conviction that enforced segregation of any group because of race, creed or color is a violation of Christian principles. You will be interested in reading part of this resolution printed on page 16 by the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education.

Church women throughout the South have taken part in workshops sponsored by the Council of Church Women. These workshops in race relations have been well attended, and from them have sprung study groups and councils which are inter-faith and inter-racial, formed to encourage discussion and action on problems of integration in schools, health and housing.

Why not write to the Council of Church Women of Little Rock, letting this group of women know of your concern for them? It must take a special kind of bravery for these women to speak out against this very vocal, yet small group, of violent, conscienceless people who are today encouraging violence, or "separation-but-equal" status quo, or who are approving their children's acts of violence.

Can you imagine the anguish of soul the parents of the nine Negro students in Little Rock must have suffered as they watched their children walk into the high school? Have you thought just how much courage it must take on the part of these young Negro boys and girls? I am sure that there was not much sleep or peace in those homes during those days of testing. What can you do? Have you taken the first step suggested in the fall issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*? Have you held a Christian Social Relations Brunch to read, study and discuss the American Baptist Resolutions, especially the one on Race Relations, which gives you directives concerning how the local church should act?

As Northerners must we not change our own attitudes before we can look askance at the attitudes of our Southern brethren?

#### REPORT FROM MRS. GEORGE B. MARTIN Our Accredited Observer to the United Nations

"We can change the climate in the United States and in the world, beginning in our own home towns if we take seriously the mission study themes for this year: "Christ, the Church and Race"; "Japan."

"We can bring the warm sun of understanding, justice, and freedom into the lives of our neighbors of dark skin, and thus dispel the chilling clouds of fear, hatred, and ignorance right in our own churches and neighborhoods. Then at the United Nations our United States delegate to the Commission on Discrimination against Minorities can with humility but with joy and pride do his share toward helping to change the climate around the world. This we can do!

"We can lift the fog of short-sightedness and selfishness which hangs over our trade relations with Japan. Then we can see more clearly the fact that the same Japanese friends for whom we pray and with whom our missionaries work, must be allowed the opportunity to earn a decent living. This they do only if they are able to sell their goods—yes, even their one-dollar cotton blouses—either to China or the United States. When the fog has been lifted we will see that thousands of dollars worth of cotton are sold each year by our farmers to Japan. Let us blow away the fog from our economic minds this year!

"Yes, it is easier to be content with a climate of prayer and even of sharing as we read, than to infuse the prayers with the fresh winds of action taken with convictions formed from thorough study. But this, too, we can do!"

#### MRS. MARTIN CONTINUES:

"United Nation's Week has come and gone. Did you observe it? It would be wise to take a few minutes at each meeting of your Woman's Society to report on the world in which you live—with particular emphasis on what is being said and done at the United Nations. While the United Nations is not a perfect instrument for solving the world's dilemma, it is the only place in the world today where nations of the world can sit together and debate on mutual problems and attempt a solution.

"It will not be too late for your society to observe Human Rights Day, December 10. Get busy!

"Have you seen this year's UNICEF greeting cards? Send \$1.25 to the United States Committee, with the words "Sample Box." The cards and an order blank will be mailed to you."

#### FEBRUARY—RACE RELATIONS MONTH

"Christ, the Church and Race," the new leaflet prepared by the Council on Christian Social Progress, will be especially useful for programs on Brotherhood. A single copy is free; in quantity, the charge is \$3.00 per one hundred copies.

Your attention, chairmen of Christian Social Relations, is called to the 1958 CHURCHMEN'S WASHINGTON SEMINAR, February 4-7, to which you are especially welcome as delegates included in the Baptist quota of forty-five. The registration fee is ten dollars; this includes, also, four group meals. The Reverend Dr. John W. Thomas, executive secretary of the Council on Christian Social Progress, is on the program committee, representing the American Baptist Convention. Address your inquiries to Dr. Thomas, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

#### INTERRACIAL AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES

"The New Year's Day Callers" is a group of Seattle people interested in better understanding among all races. Open house is held on New Year's Day until six o'clock, in Jewish, Negro, Oriental and Caucasian homes. Callers from one group try to visit in the homes of several other groups during the afternoon. Each home is provided with assisting hosts and hostesses; tea is served and a guest book is kept. Last year about six hundred friends enjoyed this experience. This same group now holds a summer picnic and a weekend of camping.

Why not try this in your community?

#### LOCAL CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

The opportunity to share our church life and government with some of the forty thousand foreign students visiting in our country is imperative. Why not hold an open house to which you invite some of these students?

The students, your guests, could visit two or three of the different board meetings and, also, a committee meeting. Then at the evening with church officers and church members they could gather for a question-answer period on our free church and Baptist heritage.

#### A SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Send to your state chairman of Christian Social Relations the names and addresses of outstanding women, in your community, who are recognized speakers in the field of Christian Social Relations and who are available for a small honorarium or for travelling expenses. Local societies are always seeking such women to help with programs and seldom know where to find them. Help these societies by sending to your state chairman of Christian Social Relations the names of women who are experts in International Affairs, UNICEF, United Nations, Indian Affairs, Foreign Student Movement, Refugees—Newcomers—to the United States, and so forth.

#### REMEMBER!

Your church should have an active Christian Social Action Committee. You should be a member of it!

One concerned, determined and committed woman can change a neighborhood!

# To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: RUTH ROHLFS (Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs)  
*National Vice-President of Christian Training*  
*Division of Christian Training*  
National Council of American Baptist Women  
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## To You, A Fellow Vice-President of Christian Training:

Having recently returned from the board meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, held in New York, there is still with me the information, stimulation, fellowship, joy and above all the inspiration which are the outcome of these meetings.

Into four days which we might well have wished held more than twenty-four hours, we packed the following: two meetings of our division, totalling approximately five hours; and various committee meetings—executive, annual meeting program, finance, national women's conference, constitution, publicity, and annual report book. One evening and two full days were used for the board sessions and many conferences, and sandwiched in were special consultations. Meetings began at early breakfast and continued until ten o'clock in the evening, at least!

Before beginning our work on the first day of our board meetings, the members of our division of Christian Training met for an early dinner so that we could have the fun of catching up on our personal lives.

For the first time Mrs. Charles Marsteller, our former chairman of Spiritual Life, was not with us. However, we had her in our minds and we recalled her dedication to our cause. Whenever she spoke of her work there always seemed to burn within her a light coming from great enthusiasm and deep purpose.

Mrs. Walter Schultz is Mrs. Marsteller's successor. Although she was a member of our board last year—one of the two representatives from the Board of Education and Publication to our National Council of American Baptist Women, it was not until this summer that she became a member of our division of Christian Training. Coming from the same state as our President, Mrs. Howard Roach, she gives further evidence that Iowa produces fine leadership. Gentle in spirit, vigorous in her search for materials and ideas, creative in planning, she, too like Mrs. Marsteller, has dedicated herself to developing and promoting the program of Spiritual Life for the National Council of American Baptist Women.

As chairman of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Schultz, we anticipate, will lead us into new activity in this area of our division's work. This, coupled with the upsurge of concern felt for wider evangelism which the denomination

is now experiencing under Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa's leadership, and his cooperation with our efforts, should result in a greater expanse of our outreach.

Since our last division meeting in the spring, Mrs. Schuyler Spaulding, chairman of Leadership Training, has carried at least three major responsibilities: (1) arranging for the simultaneous conferences for all areas of work during the lunch hour on Woman's Day in Philadelphia, in addition to conducting her own conference on Leadership Training; (2) acting as chairman for the 1957 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, which means planning for the conference and supervising the conference at Green Lake; and (3) preparing the original draft for the new leaflet on the Circle Plan.

While speaking about the National Women's Conference, I was able to relay to the members of my division an observation made by one who attended the Green Lake Conference. She said, "The program moved smoothly and effectively. It was done quietly and with no display of frantic busy work; and as an example of good leadership, others were assigned presiding positions at the various sessions."

As we continued talking at our pre-division dinner meeting, we recalled the tremendous effort of Mrs. Stacy Randle, chairman of Family Life, which went into her writing of "Living Is a Family Affair" for our Woman's Day program in Philadelphia, May 29, 1957. Mrs. Randle not only wrote "Living Is a Family Affair," but she labored with its production. Furthermore, she prepared in booklet form the six episodes of "Living Is a Family Affair," in a manner that makes it possible to

LIVING  
— is a  
**Family  
Affair**

A small illustration depicting a family of three—two adults and a child—gathered around a table. A lamp is visible in the background, suggesting a home setting.

SIX PROGRAMS ON THE  
CHRISTIAN HOME

present any one episode as a dramatic production at a Woman's Society meeting or any episode may be read by parts at a Circle meeting or at a Church School Parents' meeting. Each section is complete with discussion - outline and with suggested meditation. This booklet is a "must" for each society. It is available at Baptist bookstores. Price, 50 cents.

## OUR DIVISION MEETING

Following dinner when we four came together for our division meeting, time was given for:

- Reports
- Plans
- General discussion of each unit of our work
- Goals for our division which will be printed in the next issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.
- The importance of sending communications to our counterparts regularly.
- Material for the Annual Report Book, as it pertains to our division.
- Interpretative material for our division of Christian Training.
- The compilation of suggestions from our division as a whole to each of its members, to the board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, or to committees dealing with the work of the board.
- Recommendations for "Literature Highlights."
- Presentation of helpful suggestions and materials gleaned from books and pamphlets or from communications from our counterparts in state, association and local societies, which are most helpful.

## OUR QUESTION

Have you, state, association and local vice-presidents of Christian Training and your chairmen held a division meeting this fall? If so, what ground did you cover?

It will be helpful to others if you will let us know about your division meetings.

## LIBRARIES ARE SUCH A JOY!

Our public libraries have on their shelves many helpful books pertaining to the areas of work in our division of Christian Training. By reviewing some of these books on Leadership Training, we will discover the ones which can be recommended for purchase by our Woman's Society and which can be circulated throughout the society in the same manner that we circulate our mission study books. Occasionally, we may come upon a book so outstanding that we wish to purchase it for our personal use.

- Is your church library meeting the needs of its readers?
- Are the books conveniently located?
- Are the books attractively displayed and kept in good condition?
- Are they easily accessible?
- Is there a good plan for the regular purchase of new books?
- If so, are books for our various areas of work—spiritual life, leadership training and family life education—as well as other areas of work in our over-all program

of the National Council of American Baptist Women included?

- Is there a good system for the circulation of the books?

## RESOURCES

One afternoon during the fall as I checked out books relating to the work of our division of Christian Training, the public librarian in our community said, "If you are interested in program planning, I have a packet I can give you which has been prepared recently by the Adult Education Department." In the manila folder were helps from the Seattle Public Library, the Family Life Education Department of the Seattle Public Schools, museums, social agencies, clubs, the health council, medical societies, lists of free films from many sources, lists of speakers on many pertinent educational subjects—in short, a tremendous amount of source material suited to the needs of those planning programs.

A list of suggested sources of materials and a list of speakers could be very useful to church groups. Dip into the resources of your community and see whether you can find useful helps to share with others in your society and in your church.

## SUGGESTED READING

A book I read last summer I found particularly helpful. It was *Handbook for Group Leaders*, by Ann C. Brown and Sally B. Geis. Although intended for the use of women's groups in general, it seemed to have much to offer church women. For instance, in the chapter on "Pointers on Membership" it amused me to read, "The telephone rang, and upon answering it the prospect was greeted thus: 'I am calling to ask you whether you would like to join Circle J of Blank Church. (Pause) We are divided into twelve circles, and each one of the circles has to raise two hundred dollars. Our circle is so small that we must find some more members or we can't raise ours.'" Does that sound like the method some people might use to solve the problem?

The situations and solutions set forth in *Handbook for Group Leaders*, the understanding of the purposes of leadership and good procedures, the suggestions presented for program planning and promotion, as well as many other considerations of importance to us in our work, indicate that this is a good book to circulate among your board members for thorough reading. In *Handbook for Group Leaders* there are evidences of much local church experience, deep Christian commitment and extensive training on the part of the authors. Order this book from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, \$3.00.

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

We are more than half way through our journey in the 1957-1958 program year. The most fruitful months could be ahead. Let's do a little evaluating of our own efforts. How about division meetings, workbooks, helpful letters, suggested materials, personal devotions, reports, interpretation. How are WE doing?

# To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: NADINE SCHULTZ (Mrs. Walter Schultz)  
*National Chairman of Spiritual Life*  
*Division of Christian Training*  
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## Dear Partners in Spiritual Life!

"Getting to know you" through your letters, notes, pictures, reports and projects during the past few months has been stimulating. I am discovering your consecration and loyalty to our purpose and am grateful for your helpfulness to me.

With the writing of a page for this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN for the first time, I realize that Mrs. Charles Marsteller's "mantle" has, indeed, fallen upon me.

## THANK YOU, KATHERINE MARSTALLER!

Your many followers and readers of this page are going to miss you. Accept their heartfelt appreciation for your gracious leadership; for your extraordinary contributions to all phases of Spiritual Life; and for your continuing interest and prayers for this work.

Many thanks and happy days to you!

## WELCOME TO NEW CHAIRMEN

Your new office, chairman of Spiritual Life, is one of high privilege. Yours is the opportunity of bringing women into a close and abiding friendship with Christ, our Lord and Savior.

What greater honor than to be an "assistant" to him, presenting his treasures to those who seek him with a whole heart?

You will find rare and unexpected blessings as you walk with him in this new venture to which you have been called.

Welcome!

## SOME BASIC STEPS FOR CHAIRMEN

1. Set aside a special time for daily Bible study, prayer and meditation and let *nothing* interfere with it. Quiet your mind. Look upon this time in his presence as the most important time of the day.

2. Have a special place for your study and prayer period.

3. Acquire some good devotional books and Christian classics for additional study.

4. Use the *Secret Place*. Pray for those whose names appear in A Book of Remembrance.

5. Study carefully the *Goals* and *Leader's Guide* for the chairmen of Spiritual Life.

6. Be faithful in public worship.

7. Be sensitive to the spiritual needs of the women with whom you come in contact, and help them in every way possible.

8. Keep a file of materials on Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, Evangelism, Poetry, Religious Art and Hymnology.

## MY SPIRITUAL QUOTIENT

Place a check mark against "Yes" or "No" on the following chart.

## My Spiritual Quotient

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|---|--|
| 1. Do I hold a grudge?                                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Am I secretly glad when someone goes wrong?        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do I make unkind remarks and criticisms of others? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do I "color" the truth?                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Am I eager to spread gossip?                       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do I nag my family?                                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Am I jealous or envious?                           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Am I resentful?                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Let each one of us say:

"Wherever I have had to check a YES answer, I will discipline myself, remembering that I am a representative of Christ."

## BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

- The date: Friday, December 6, 1957
- The theme: "Now Is the Time—Now Is the Day"

Each church should have received its free copy of the program for this significant day. Some extra copies are available. Write to me; enclose ten cents, please.

The offering which is received on Baptist Women's Day of Prayer should be sent to the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

- The date: Friday, February 21, 1958
- The theme: "Bread of Life"

The World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

The World Day of Prayer provides an opportunity for Christian women around the world to unite in praise and worship of God the Father and Creator of us all.

The World Day of Prayer programs and materials may be ordered from the Central Department of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York. The packet is priced 35 cents.

#### RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

Religion in American Life (RIAL) is a program sponsored by twenty-four national religious bodies to increase attendance and to strengthen religious life in America. A helpful Program Kit will be sent to you, without charge, if you write to Religion in American Life, 300 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

#### NATIONAL PRAYER CALLS

##### For Our Mission Needs . . .

##### JANUARY

##### Bible Book: Acts

Pray that employed women may increase their Christian witness to fellow workers.

Pray for Christian parents in Latin America, who are forced to bring up their children in the midst of political insecurity and degrading social conditions.

Pray for new missionaries in Thailand as they open new work in the villages among Karens and Chinese.

##### FEBRUARY

##### Bible Books: Hosea through Jonah

Pray that the churches may take a bold stand for equal rights of all races in education, church membership, housing and job opportunities.

Pray that Christian families maintain interracial family visiting.

Pray that the people in Kengtung, Burma, may warmly welcome Dr. and Mrs. Keith R. Dahlberg as they reopen the hospital in this needy border area.

##### MARCH

##### Bible Book: Romans

Pray that the recommendations from the Lay Development program be carried out in our churches.

Pray that God may bless the Christian ministries of our thirty Homes for the Aged, twelve Homes for Children, seven Baptist Hospitals, and our sixty hospital and prison chaplains.

Pray for the special evangelistic efforts on our mission fields for new converts and dedications to full-time service, and for the health of our missionaries.

#### APRIL

##### Bible Book: Mark

Pray that opportunities in full-time church and church-related vocations may be made known to our youth.

Pray for state, town and country directors who seek to help churches in rural areas to be effective in the gospel ministry.

Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the more than one hundred students enrolled at Insein, Burma, in the Divinity School, who are preparing for Christian work.

#### CHANGE

"Bury me on my face," said Diogenes; and when he was asked why, he replied, "Because in a little while everything will be turned upside down."—Laertius.

You may think that everything about Prayer Calls is being turned upside down. The changes have been made for the following reasons:

1. To many women, the use of "Overland" and "Overseas" indicated White Cross needs rather than our mission needs in general.
2. The repetition of "Near at Hand," "Overland" and "Overseas" for each month required a great deal of space.
3. The Prayer Calls were condensed therefore to conserve space and to clarify full significance.

**Question:** Do you like this new format? A note giving your reactions and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Have you thought of making this a BOOK Christmas? There is a worth-while book to fit almost everyone on your shopping list. For a list of children's books, please turn to page 34, shared with us by Mrs. Randle, chairman of Family Life.

Bibles in beautiful bindings make treasured gifts. Various translations such as: *The Bible; An American Translation* by Smith-Goodspeed (with Apocrypha), price, \$4.50; *The Moffatt Bible* for \$4.00; *Weymouth's New Testament in Modern Speech* for \$3.50; or J. B. Phillips' *The Gospels*, priced at \$2.75, or J. B. Phillips' *Letters to Young Churches*, \$2.75. Any one of these would be very much appreciated by those who seek new light on the study of the Bible. Also, a new edition of Helen Barrett Montgomery's translation has just been published by The Judson Press and sells for \$2.50. This is especially useful in introducing our Bible Book-of-the-Month because a résumé of each book is included.

Everyone should have the following books: *Prayer*, by Frank C. Laubach, \$1.00, and *A Testament of Devotion*, by Thomas R. Kelly, \$1.00; also the two companion books by John Baillie, *A Diary of Private Prayer*, \$1.50, and *A Diary of Readings*, \$2.50.

# To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: VIVIAN RANDLE (Mrs. Stacy Randle)

*National Chairman of Family Life*

*Division of Christian Training*

**National Council of American Baptist Women**

**HOME ADDRESS:** 377 North Main Street, Milltown, New Jersey



## Dear Friends:

We read much these days about the importance of individuals finding a place and a feeling of security within the family circle. This was pointed up quite forcibly within our own family as our daughter, Mary Lou, was preparing to enter the freshman class at Pennsylvania State University in September.

In the new house which we have recently purchased it is necessary that Mary Lou and our younger daughter, Margaret, share a room. The question arose as to whether we should store some of Mary's furniture in the attic since—at least for the next four years—she would be home only at vacation time. Mary's answer was, "I just don't like to think of my table, desk and chest of drawers being way off up there alone."

I read into this simple statement of Mary's her desire to keep the *status quo* at home, while she exulted in the novelty of being on her own in a brand new room with new friends on a strange college campus. The sure knowledge of being able to return home at Thanksgiving or Christmas and resume living with familiar things was precious to her.

After moving into the new home, it was found that the room could accommodate both Mary's and Margaret's sets of furniture very comfortably. It was fortunate that we were not obliged to disrupt things too much because today there came a special delivery letter: "Mother, please send two sets of biology notes. They are in the top, right hand drawer. . . ."

## UNIVERSITY PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Randle and I greatly appreciate the interest shown in Mary Lou by the University Park Baptist Church, the pastor, and by the University Christian Association on the Campus at Penn State. Several personal letters and invitations, received by Mary Lou, from groups and individuals during pre-registration days give us a feeling that she will be under the same Christian influence as at home.

This attention brings home the importance of the work of the Counselor for Students and Service Personnel in our churches and prompts me to remind you that assisting this counselor in every way possible is a definite responsibility of the chairman of Family Life in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Will you accept this responsibility to assist the Counselor for Students and Service Personnel?

## CHRISTMAS JOY, A SERVICE FOR THE HOME

The story is told of a family in one of the Refugee Camps of Europe. They lived in a one-room shack made of gasoline tins and other scrap. The ten-year old daughter was asked, "Isn't it too bad you don't have a home?"

"Oh, we have a *home*," the child replied cheerfully. "We just don't have a *house* to put it in."

Year after year we live in our houses, taking them for granted. Then if we move into a different place or hear a story like the one above, we become more receptive to the idea of "a service for the home" through which we can rededicate our lives and our homes to a fuller Christian witness.

The leaflet, "Christmas Joy, a Service for the Home," may be obtained from the Department of Adult and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Send three cents for each copy. The members of your Woman's Society would appreciate your thoughtfulness in ordering a copy for them.

## THE ONE-PERSON FAMILY

What are those without family life seeking from the church? Their answers will guide the course in which our efforts can best be directed in this area of our church life. Many of those without families in our communities are active in secular groups but do not turn to the church for social activities or for spiritual uplift. It is the opportunity which the church offers the lone person to have a sense of being part of a large and complete "family unit" which draws many to seek fellowship within the life of the church.

A year ago, those coming into a class in Marriage and Family Living at Newark State Teachers College were asked, "Why did you sign up for this course?" Various answers resulted, but the one I remember in particular was this: "I was hungry for the life that goes on in families. I see children in school every day, but unless one of them gets into trouble, I have no contact with their parents or their homes. I hoped there would be parents in this group from whom I could gain a fresh look at family life."

One of our American Baptist churches attempts to meet this situation by a special arrangement for those who lack full family life. Each family invites a single person as its guest for the church supper and the evening program. The important point here is that this friendly gesture does not stop with the evening's enter-

tainment. It can provide the perfect opening for the guests to extend some form of hospitality of their own to their hosts and hostesses.

#### FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED

In order that you may be prepared in April to make your report for the year 1957-1958, we are printing below the questions which will appear on your annual report form.

- Do you emphasize *family* worship, *family* church attendance, *family* night at church and National Family Week?
- Are you promoting *Hearthstone* magazine, other family literature, mothers' and parents' discussion groups?
- Have you had a "Christian Family Life" program in your Woman's Society?

You will also be asked whether you are assisting the Counselor for Students and Service Personnel in your church, and whether you are a member of the larger church committee on Family Life, appointed by the Board of Christian Education.

You will note that we have included only the most significant items from our page of GOALS. This is in the interest of a short, concise report. There is no thought of neglecting the other goals, but rather that these particular goals shall receive special attention.

Because the questions on our report are few in number, do not feel limited in your opportunity to report items of special interest. Association and state chairmen eagerly turn to the reverse side of the report form, hoping to find a narrative which you have written describing an unusually successful program in your church. And when the reports reach me, I read the notes on the back first! Watch: Your story may appear in one of the issues of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN!

#### FIVE IN ONE PEW

When all reports were in last May, we found there was an increase in every phase of our work with one exception: that of *family* church attendance. I was surprised that 150 local chairmen of Family Life, who had done so the preceding year, had not stressed in 1956-1957 the importance of church attendance as a family group.

"Five in One Pew," one of six programs on the Christian home found in the booklet, *Living Is a Family Affair*, stresses this point. "Five in One Pew" is suitable for use as a program for your Woman's Society, or for a supper and program at the church when the members come together with their families. Be sure to allow plenty of time for discussion following presentation of the playlet. You will find suggestions for a worship service and a guide which will be helpful in the follow-up discussion. This booklet may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents.

#### "CERTAIN TEACHABLE MOMENTS"

The Minnesota women, under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Thatcher, 3121 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis 6, Minnesota, state chairman of Family

Life for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, presented "Certain Teachable Moments" at the Missions Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, on August 13, 1957. Mrs. Thatcher still has a few mimeographed copies of the presentation which includes a home dedication. Send ten cents direct to her if you wish a copy of this interesting and worth-while program for your Woman's Society.

#### FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Luther Plankenhorn, state chairman of Family Life, Northern California Woman's Baptist Mission Society, writes the following about worship in the family:

"Every Christian home should establish a family altar. There is nothing that will cement more firmly or will solve more problems and bring peace and serenity to a home than a family altar. Find a time to establish this custom."

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

On February 1, 1958, material for National Family Week will be off the press. Send order for your packet to the Reverend Joseph J. Hanson, 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, 30 cents.

#### CHILDREN'S SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Do you realize the important role which worth-while books play in creating spiritual growth of your children? An excellent custom for families to establish is the giving of choice books as Christmas and birthday gifts. Why not begin this Christmas?

Pre-school children will be delighted with:  
*Jesus, the New Little Baby*, by Mary Edna Lloyd. \$1.00.

*My Bible Book*, by Janie Walker. 75 cents.  
*Sing-A-Bible Story*, by Shiny Krome Kote. 50 cents.  
*My Prayer Book*, by Margaret Clemens. 75 cents.  
*A Child's Thought of God*, by Helen Asher. 75 cents.  
Children of school age will enjoy the following:  
*Tell Me About God*, or *Jesus, Prayer, the Bible, or Heaven*. A series of five *Tell Me About . . .* books by Mary Alice Jones. \$2.50, each.

*Friends with God*, by Catherine Marshall. \$2.00.  
*I Can Tell God Things*, by Robbie Trent. \$1.50.  
*God Plans for Happy Families*, by Elizabeth B. Jones. \$1.50.

No home is complete without some good Bible story book such as:

*Story of the Bible*, by Jesse Hurlbut. \$3.95.  
*Bible Story Book*, by Elsie Egermeier. \$3.95.  
*The Story of the Bible*, by Walter Bowie. \$3.95.

Junior boys and girls should have Bibles of their own. They would appreciate, also, owning a pictorial Testament in the King James' Version, with colored Bible pictures on front and back covers. Price, \$1.00.

All books listed are available at Baptist bookstores: 1708 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

# To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: VIOLET SPAULDING (Mrs. Schuyler Y. Spaulding)

*National Chairman of Leadership Training*

*Division of Christian Training*

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 12 Ridgewood Road, West Hartford, Connecticut



*Good morning, friends!*

Will you pretend, as you read this in the quiet of your homes, that I am making a call on you, chairmen of Leadership Training, and am offering these suggestions in person? If it were so, you would be concentrating on each suggestion I made and would be thinking how it could be adapted or modified to suit your specific needs. Will you still do that?

You have accomplished much in leadership training. The fine results are increasingly apparent at our large conferences as well as in our smaller gatherings. Concern for good leadership is, of course, fundamental and a continuing one. However, we should not be so preoccupied with training officers and chairmen that we fail to expand by experimenting with modern methods and skills which stimulate thinking and study among all the members of our churches.

Continue with your training sessions, which are proving so worth-while; call in an experienced leader when it is necessary to clarify the duties in various areas of the total program. However, let us not be satisfied in stopping there. We must be as forward looking, at least, as boards of managers in business, and as the leaders in adult education. These leaders in the fields of business and education are constantly seeking to meet today's needs with fresh techniques and emphases. They never remain static, nor should we in our efforts to do our part in the greatest of all work—the Lord's work.

## AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

The intelligent use of audio-visual aids (slides, filmstrips with a record player, motion pictures, and charts with records or tape recordings) is one of the modern aids which the fields of business and adult education have been finding effective in recent years. The basic reasons why they are of proved value are numerous. To mention only one: Students learn faster and more accurately and retain information longer when suitable audio-visual aids are properly used, according to many educators. They feel, as you do, too, I am sure, that this method of instruction is frequently more interesting, more vivid and more effective.

Audio-visual aids not only impart information but stimulate Christian attitudes and Christian action. They are useful in furthering definite objectives of teaching, worship, or group activity.

Let no one think, however, that audio-visual aids are a substitute for an able leader or speaker. Films and slides and charts are devices merely to make the task of leadership easier, and they are of little value unless they are in the hands of a well prepared leader.

Indeed there is no one method of instruction, no one device that is sufficient in itself to guide and educate in Christian work. The personality of the dedicated leader or speaker, the interest, study and activity of the individual are essential, and without the power of the Holy Spirit even these are of no avail. We believe that the use of every device which the divinely inspired mind of man has conceived should be used for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

A leader or a committee should make careful selection of the visual aid, making sure that it is suitable and helpful to the particular program objective. The primary purpose in the selection of a visual aid should be to stimulate thought and action. The leader should, of course, view the visual-aid material before the showing, and should be so well versed in its content that she can, in her introductory remarks, point out certain features of special interest.

The leader should also be prepared to guide a discussion, following the showing of a film or slides. Many films present recognizable problems without giving a solution. Suggest that members of the group offer possible solutions. In this way the film takes on meaning.

There is a wealth of material available:

- You may order for your society one copy of the *1957 Catalogue of Visual Aids* from the department of Baptist Films, Council on Missionary Cooperation, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

- Is your name on the mailing list to receive monthly, "Film Clips"? "Film Clips" has a page for the leader in every issue.

- "Filmpac," included in your program packet, is also a helpful list of motion pictures and filmstrips for use with your program packet, "Living Water."

"Film Clips" and "Filmpac" may be ordered from the department of Baptist Films, Council on Missionary Cooperation, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Is it a problem in your group to find a person who knows how to present films and to operate a projector?

A brief training session is the answer. It will give the "know how" in this not-too-difficult skill.

## EXHIBITS

Are you aware of the teaching opportunity offered by interesting exhibits? They can be used to good effect in our *churches*, in association meetings, at conferences, and at house parties. An exhibit of suitable materials—carefully arranged—makes an immeasurable contribution to the knowledge of viewers. You need little in the way of props for such a project; just a little imagination and ingenuity.

An exhibit differs from a display and is more effective. A display consists of a collection of articles on a flat surface. An exhibit is more arresting, for it is essentially three-dimensional, giving an impression of realism. There is a background of felt board, chalk board or bulletin board, wooden or glass shelves, or shadow boxes, with pictures, posters, charts, maps or graphs. On the table below are placed objects selected for your special purpose. The relationship between these articles and the background should be indicated in some way: by appropriate placement, by ribbons, or some other devices your own originality will suggest. **WARNING:** Do not crowd your table with too many objects; crowding defeats your purpose by confusing the mind of the viewer.

The purpose of such an exhibit should be definite and thought-provoking; the design should be simple and direct. You try to lead the eye to the point where it will receive the message. Measurements, spacing, lighting, color schemes, lettering, and all such factors should be given much thought.

You will be intrigued with the variety of aids available to you. Color wheels for good color combinations, for instance, may be obtained at any paint or wallpaper store. Certain colors are appropriate for specific ideas or occasions. Three-dimensional letters of cardboard or plastic are obtainable. Lighting creates desired effects and focuses attention. Colored light is easily produced by using stage gelatine sheets over bulbs. You may wish to create a certain atmosphere by having a record player provide soft background music.

Motion attracts attention. An automatic slide projector, easy to plug in, may be rented. A turntable from an old phonograph may be used for a mobile display. A small, concealed electric fan may be used to blow flags or banners; this motion will catch attention.

Be sure that you in some way involve the viewer in your exhibit. A question on a poster may intrigue her. Samples of literature will please her. **REMEMBER:** The message conveyed by exhibits, as it meets the eye, must be sharp and clear and unmistakable. This is first in importance.

## BRAINSTORMING

Brainstorming is another modern technique that big business is using to its profit. It brings out creative ideas, resulting in new inventions and methods of production. Might it not also stimulate Christian groups to fruitful ideas for greater service?

The method known as brainstorming is briefly:

A group is presented with a problem. Spontaneously each one present expresses an idea on the subject—any idea at all, no matter how wild or seemingly irrelevant. The idea is recorded without comment or appraisal. When a specified number of ideas has been reached, the idea session closes.

There follows a period of discussion and evaluation, which, in turn, brings forth new ideas. The end result is usually a startlingly satisfactory solution. Why not try it on such problems as: "How can we activate the inactive member?" "How can we improve the functions of our Woman's Society?"

## THE ART OF LISTENING

Are you a good listener? There is no doubt that the Christian message would spread infinitely faster if the art of listening were better developed. We surely would have a more sympathetic understanding of people if we listened with more concentration to their statements and with less preoccupation with our own thoughts.

It is well for all of us to analyze ourselves with respect to our listening ability. Colleges recognize the importance of better listening habits, which are fundamental in the learning process and in social relations. They are now incorporating courses designed to improve listening ability in their regular curriculum and in adult extension classes. Heretofore much attention has been focused on remedial reading and effective speaking, but little on the skill of listening, although oral communication predominates.

We may think we are listening because we keep still, but often our minds are speeding away on tangents while another speaks. Why is this so? For one thing, research shows that while the mind can absorb about five hundred words a minute the average speaking rate is 125 words per minute. With much more time than it needs for the message, the mind tends to wander away from the speaker. Perhaps, on the other hand, we disagree with the speaker. We then either close our minds to the point of view being expressed or rehearse to ourselves what we shall reply when he stops speaking.

Training sessions for the improvement of listening habits might be very profitable. Speakers on this subject are available. Your own ingenuity may produce some enlightening and amusing sessions. There are listening tests you can obtain, and your group will perhaps be interested to think up original ways of testing members' attention. No one need be embarrassed, for most are guilty of inattention.

Perhaps the art of listening seems far removed from Christian mission. Actually, giving undivided attention to another is a Christian attitude that brings rewards to the listener. What good results might follow more and better listening at meetings and conferences! There would be more profitable exchange of ideas, more sympathetic understanding of one another, more Christian action. Are your members good listeners?

# To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: GOLDA MORFORD

*National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women*

*Division of Business and Professional Women*

*National Council of American Baptist Women*

**HOME ADDRESS:** 239 Eason Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan



## *Greetings to all Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women!*

You, too, feel, I am sure, as I do that it is with great humility and with a deep sense of responsibility that we together take up this program of business and professional women's work. It holds a great challenge.

### PURPOSE

The purpose to which we are dedicated is: "To unite Baptist Business and Professional Women in their loyalty to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, through a program that will cultivate a missionary spirit and a definite commitment to active participation in attaining the objectives of the American Baptist Convention; to develop a program which will meet the specific needs of business and professional women, affording opportunities to work, serve, study and play together."

Ours, then, is really a two-fold task. We must: (1) unite Baptist employed women; (2) add strength to the women's missionary program of our denomination by interesting an increasing number of gainfully employed women. Although both of these are continuous tasks and each is dependent one upon the other, it would appear that we must unite the employed women who are now active within our denominational program before we can hope to make any significant increase in the membership of employed women in our women's societies.

### CHALLENGE

To unite the business and professional women already active in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society presents a real challenge. There seem to be some stumbling blocks in the way. However, I believe that if we study the size, shape, weight of each block, look at each from every angle, face each one squarely and if we then bend over and get our shoulders behind the block, we shall be able gradually to move each one into a position where it will bolster rather than hinder the uniting of our Baptist employed women.

It would be impossible to discuss in this issue all of our "blocks," but we might begin with one which seems to present itself most frequently, that is, the

traditional pattern followed in many churches of scattering employed women throughout circles made up of non-employed women. When our business and professional women are thus scattered it is well nigh impossible to build a spirit of unity among them. Moreover, when our business and professional women are scattered there is no group especially equipped by their training and experience to draw into their midst the inactive employed women. The interests of most business and professional women differ basically from those of the unemployed housewife, particularly from those of the young mother, whose chief interest is normally centered in her children. In groups comprised largely of housewives or young mothers and with only a few employed women, the program is more than likely slanted to the interests of the former. Moreover, conversation during the fellowship period usually is centered in home and children while the average business or professional woman's interests naturally reflect the field of work in which she is engaged. Her interests are centered not in the home, but in the world outside the home. The failure to plan separate business and professional women's groups which will meet the specific needs of employed women means that today there are, comparatively speaking, no great number of business and professional women who are active in our denominational program for women.

### THERE ARE NEVER TOO FEW

The following reasons are often given for the existence of circles which combine employed and non-employed women:

1. There are not enough working women to form a circle.
2. The employed women do not wish a separate organization.

Let us consider briefly these "blocks" in the path of unified program for business and professional women.

If there were only three employed women in a mixed group and these three should pray for wisdom, strength and success and should set out to find more employed women who need church-related activities and whose services the church need, they would, doubt-

less, find one—three—six—or many more such women. Many business and professional women's circles which began with three or four members have doubled and trebled their membership within a year. In fact, I know one church where the membership rolls of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society included the name of only one employed woman. That one woman was challenged to unite business and professional women. Today there are fifty business and professional women on the membership rolls of that woman's society. *There are never "too few" to try to get more.*

The fact that some employed women do not want to become a part of this movement to unite Baptist business and professional women and add their united strength to the work of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society is indicative of the fact that they do not understand how much they are needed in an attempt to increase Christ's kingdom in the area of business and professional women's work.

Employed women who are now active in our Baptist Women's program not only understand the denominational program for all women but by virtue of their own employment they understand the interests and needs—intellectual, cultural and spiritual—of other employed women. They are, then, especially qualified to bring their employed sisters into the denominational program. The employed women already active in our Woman's Baptist Mission Society must be challenged to work *together* to increase the number of active employed women.

#### HEREIN LIES OUR TASK—OUR CHALLENGE

As vice-presidents of Business and Professional Women we must challenge other employed women to *unite* that through our united courage and wisdom, through our united prayers we may win more and yet more gainfully employed women to participation in our denominational program for all women.

As the local vice-presidents increase the strength of business and professional women's work in the local society, the association vice-presidents will be able to bring the local groups together for fellowship and for intellectual, cultural and spiritual growth.

So, too, will the state and the national work grow and thus the strength and support of business and professional women will be added to the total program of the National Council of American Baptist Women and through it to the American Baptist World Mission.

It is your task—and privilege, too—as local, association, or state vice-president of Business and Professional Women—and mine as national vice-president—to promote greater unity among all Baptist business and professional women that we may bring to the cause of Christ the combined strength of Baptist employed women.

#### CLIPPINGS

From the Woman's Department of *The Maine Baptist Messenger*, May, 1957, we clipped the following paragraph from the report of Mrs. Edris Porter, state vice-

president of Business and Professional Women at that time:

"Did you know that if there are only four or five employed women in your church, you have a nucleus for a business and professional women's circle or group? We have, in fact, heard of two women who began a group which now numbers forty active members. What a wonderful opportunity to bring inactive women into your fellowship and to share in Christ's work through the Woman's Society of the church!"

From the Woman's Mirror of the *South Dakota Baptist Bulletin*, May, 1957, in an article written by Miss Ann Bouzek, vice-president of Business and Professional Women, the following was copied:

"The current number of working women in the United States, according to *Fortune* is twenty-one million. Of course, not all of these are Baptist women, but do you know how many women in your church are "woman workers"? You may think there are not enough employed women in your church to form a Business and Professional Women's Circle or you may think that the Business and Professional Women who are working in a group with non-employed women should remain there, but have you thought of those women who are *not* in your group or *in any group*? One of the goals for this division in the local society is "extend an invitation to every employed woman in your church."

#### LETTERS

Mrs. Victor Kane, New York State Vice-President of Business and Professional Women, reports three new business and professional women's groups wishing help in organizing.

Miss Minerva Parker, Michigan State Vice-President of Business and Professional Women, reports new life in some of their associations. Already several associations have had Business and Professional Women's Rallies. Detroit's fall meeting is held in conjunction with the Detroit Association of Women's Baptist Mission Society, with the employed women being responsible for the evening's program.

The hope of the future for business and professional women's work will rest on the younger employed women. It is with especially great joy that we welcome news from the Woodward Avenue Church of Detroit of the organizing of a new circle of young business and professional women.

A review of the Northern California House Party program booklet shows Mrs. Marcella Ford, vice-president of Business and Professional Women, taking an active part in the planning and execution of the programs. This is a fine example of business and professional women's participation in—and cooperation with—the Woman's Mission Society of that state.

#### NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Begin planning now for the National Women's Conference to be held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 12-19, 1958.

# To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

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## Greetings from Michigan!

Isn't it wonderful that I can sit here in my home and extend greetings to every Fellowship Guild Counselor from Maine to California, from Washington to the District of Columbia and West Virginia!

Today is cool, crisp and sunny—a real fall day. But when this greeting reaches you, it will be close to Christmas, and several months of the new year in Guild will have passed. How time flies!

I do hope that Volume II—which begins with this issue—of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN will reach many more Guild Counselors than last year. I want so much to have you posted on the latest Guild news and to help you if I can.

## REPORT ON THE 1957 NATIONAL GUILD HOUSE PARTY

Perhaps you have heard the good news! There were 157 in attendance at the National Guild House Party, held last July at Green Lake. Twenty-seven states were represented which was gratifying. It is always a delightful experience to be with the girls and to have opportunity to work with them. Many encouraging comments were entered on the evaluation sheets that were submitted, together with several very helpful suggestions for next year's house party.

We had three periods a day when the Counselors met. One session was spent in discussing Guild in general and in answering questions. The group separated for the other two periods. One group worked with Miss Rose Grano, a member of the Youth Editorial Staff of the Board of Education and Publication, on an outline of programs for our Kits, to cover the next three years. The 1958-1959 Program Kits were planned in detail and are now in the hands of the writers. Miss Marjorie Wilson and I worked with the other group on the Program of Degrees. The Guild program on the "Degree of Color" has been completed and will be ready for sale in the near future. The program on the "Degree of Light" has been worked out and requires only the finishing touches.

In the afternoon I met with some of the Counselors to discuss problems that were pertinent to their local situations. We benefitted greatly as we exchanged ideas. I wish you, too, might have been there. You very likely would have had the right answers for some of the problems which were presented.

## IMPORTANT!

Attention was called at the house party to the fact that in some Guilds the theme that is used for the current year at the National House Party is being adopted as the theme of the local Guild chapters for the same year. The theme for the 1957 National House Party—"How Great My Task"—will be revised and used for the state house parties in 1958. This plan has always been followed.

Since we are a part of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, we use the Baptist Youth Fellowship theme in our local chapters, as well as our own Guild theme. This year it happens that the Baptist Youth Fellowship theme so well fits our program that we are using that theme as our Guild theme also. It is possible that never again will one theme be suited to the needs of both the Baptist Youth Fellowship and the Guild. The Baptist Youth Fellowship theme for the year is always found in "Guild Goals."

## WHITE CROSS

White Cross is a part of the actual mission program of our American Baptist mission societies. The missionaries are supplied in accordance with their requests. As the girls of the Fellowship Guild participate in White Cross they are helped in their general understanding of missions and trained in their responsibilities to support the missionary program.

The state chairman of White Cross for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society receives the entire quota for the state. She confers with the state Fellowship Guild Counselor as to the kind and amount of work the Guild girls can do. She assigns the quota for the Guild girls at the time she makes the association assignments and sends it to the state Fellowship Guild Counselor.

The state Fellowship Guild Counselor in turn divides the quotas among the associations, and the association Counselor then divide the quotas among the Guild chapters. The association Counselor considers carefully the age group and the number of girls in each chapter as she makes assignments. Each chapter should receive both an overseas and an overland quota.

As soon as the local Guild completes a quota and shipment is made, the assignment blank is completely filled out and returned to the association Counselor, who will tabulate the reports for the association and will forward her report to the state Fellowship Guild

Counselor. This must be done not later than March first, in order that the state Fellowship Guild Counselor may tabulate the association reports and send the state Guild White Cross report to the state chairman of White Cross of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, well in advance of the time her report is due.

Never should the Guild White Cross report be added to the report made by the local or association chairmen of White Cross in the Woman's Society.

The national Guild report will show what has been accomplished by the Guild girls across the denomination.

**NOTE:** This same article appears on pages 25-26, written for chairmen of White Cross. It has been prepared by the national chairman of White Cross and your national Fellowship Guild Counselor, and has been approved by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

### THE READING PROGRAM

Last year's annual report showed that less than one-half the number of chapters which qualified during the year 1955-1956 qualified during the year 1956-1957. It is, therefore, evident that this part of our program must be strengthened. Many of the books on the reading list can be used by the girls for reports in school. Many of the suggestions are in pamphlet form and take very little time to read. Perhaps you do not have a youth library. If that is so, why not ask the Baptist Youth Fellowship, the Board of Christian Education, the Woman's Society, the adult class, or some other organization in your church to help financially in setting up a youth library. Let's offer some plan which will stimulate an interest in reading. If you have such a plan, send it to me and I shall pass it to other Counselors through these pages in *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. Details about the program are printed in *Guild Goals*, 1957-1958.

### PROGRAM OF DEGREES

Orders arriving at the Baptist Youth Fellowship office for "Requirements of Membership" and the "Degree of the Rose" indicate that our national program of degrees is fast being adopted by Guild chapters throughout our Convention. It is hoped that all new chapters will begin with the "Requirement of Membership." The important point to bear in mind is that each girl shall work independently and progress as she wishes. When she has completed the membership requirements, she may begin work on the "Degree of the Rose." Do not hurry any girl working on any degree. It is not the purpose of the program to see how fast the degrees can be completed. Each girl should work only on one or two points of any degree at a time.

Plan to confer the degree on one or two girls when they are ready. Arrange for an audience. Here is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to other groups one phase of Guild work. This occasion should always

be conducted with solemnity. Add beauty to the ceremony by the use of candles and soft music. Some girls may wish to dress formally or in white, but under no circumstances should either be compulsory. Let's make this a very important occasion in the life of our girls!

### MATERIALS NEEDED?

Requests for materials for new chapters which are being organized are still being sent to me. I am sorry that I do not have a supply of the items desired. In order to save your time I am listing the materials you need, the price and the place from which you may obtain them quickly.

- *Guild Goals*, 1957-1958. Free.
- *I Gratefully Pledge Myself*. A commitment service for Fellowship Guilds and Woman's Societies. Price two cents per copy.
- *My Responsibility as a Fellowship Guild Chairman of the Baptist Youth Fellowship*. This leaflet sells for five cents.
- *Guild Guide*. Revised 1956 edition. 80 cents.
- *Ann Judson Program Kit*, 1957-1958. 60 cents.
- *Sallie Peck Program Kit*, 1957-1958. 60 cents.
- *Biographies: Ann Hasseltine Judson; Sallie Paine Peck; Alma Noble*. 50 cents, each.
- *Guild Covenant cards*. One cent each.
- *Program of Degrees*: Requirements of Membership; Degree of the Rose. 5 cents, each.

Your state Fellowship Guild Counselor should have a supply of the first three items. These first three items may also be obtained from the Baptist Youth Fellowship office, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. All other materials may be ordered from the Baptist Youth Fellowship office or from your nearest Baptist bookstore. The *office of the National Council of American Baptist Women does not carry any of these items*.

Of course, you understand that I am eager to know about each new chapter and to learn what you are doing and that I welcome every letter you send me. Keep your letters coming! In directing you to the source for your materials, my purpose is merely to help you receive them as quickly as possible.

### 1958 GUILD HOUSE PARTY

Under the able leadership of Miss Marjorie Wilson, our National Guild Interne, the plans for the 1958 National Guild House Party have been made. Daily themes have been chosen; probable speakers suggested; a new time schedule worked out; and in general things are started. Begin plans now for some of your girls and for you, too, to be among the two hundred we look for in 1958. The dates: July 12-19.

### A SPECIAL GREETING

This will be the only opportunity I have to wish many of you a very, very Merry Christmas. May we all be instrumental in bringing special "Joy to the World" as we remember the Babe who came into the world bringing to us everlasting joy.

## To the Town and Country Societies

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### IT IS GOOD TO BE A FEW!

At the September board meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, a committee appointed to revise the "Circle Plan" leaflet gave members of the executive committee an opportunity to examine a pamphlet entitled "It Is Good to Be a Few," printed by the Presbyterian denomination. While examining this pamphlet my thoughts turned to the women in the small churches across our American Baptist Convention.

A small society is really similar, in many respects, to a circle, isn't it? It is a small, intimate group in which it is truly "good to be a few." In the previous leaflet on the Circle Plan we find this expression: "*Friends are made and fellowship is fostered best in small groups.*" This should lend encouragement to our American Baptist women who think that because their group is small that it is ineffective.

Responsibility in the smaller group gives more women opportunity to serve in specific tasks, and I dare say that if a survey were made we would find that many of our fine leaders in women's work came from small groups in which they had to assume responsibility.

### OTHER ADVANTAGES OF A SMALL GROUP

I can think of other advantages one has in a small group. Although there would not be a great volume of White Cross work or large Love Gift offerings, there would most certainly be dedication, concern and a real sense of togetherness as each woman realizes the importance of her contribution.

There could be no falling by the wayside of any member, because each would be personally known and would be missed from the group when absent. There could be no great percentage of disinterested, inactive women, which is a real problem in the larger churches.

### HERE'S PROOF THAT IT WORKS

The following story should "warm the cockles of your heart," for it gives proof of what I have been trying to say: It comes from the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Marble Rock, Iowa, and was sent to me by Mrs. H. A. Tolliver, who is the state president.

"The set-up (referring to organization, following the plan of our National Council of American Baptist

## To the Chairman of Publicity

From: WAKA DANNENHAUER

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### Greetings, Chairmen of Publicity!

Not too long ago our nine-year-old son burst into the kitchen from after supper play. "Come on out, Mom, there's something I want to show you." As I hurriedly accompanied him, he pointed to the soft pink hues of a glowing sunset and declared simply, "I thought you'd like that." At this Christmas season, may such moments of worship warm our hearts and homes.

### RADIO-TELEVISION

As we listened to the report of Mr. Fred L. Essex, secretary of the American Baptist Radio-Television Department, at an important week-end meeting of the Radio-Television Committee of our American Baptist Convention, we realized the extensive work already being done through our denomination to spread the gospel by means of radio and television. As we discussed such matters as policy, research, budget, and program, we bore in mind our attempt to make our Christian witness more effective.

### COMMUNICATIONS AIDS

Two excellent publications have come to my attention:

1. *Communications for the Church*, by R. Dean Goodwin and Joan Thatcher. This all-inclusive pamphlet covers such topics as:

"Writing the News Story," "How to Use Photography in Church Publicity," "Twenty Tricks of the Trade," "How to Use Radio and Television." Price, 35 cents.

2. *How You Can Broadcast Religion*, compiled by Clayton T. Griswold and Charles H. Schmitz, contains techniques for writing, evaluating, programming, producing and promoting programs. Price, \$2.00.

Order these publications from the Department of Communications, American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

### B'S FOR YOUR PUBLICITY BONNET

- ◆ Be informed. Know what events, persons or projects should be publicized.
- ◆ Be accurate. Check spelling, time and place.
- ◆ Be enthusiastic. Make what you are publicizing sound exciting.

◆ Be personal. Create in each woman a feeling that she needs to participate.

◆ Be creative. Use something that has eye appeal—a mobile, an exhibit, magazine cutouts, three dimensional posters.

◆ Be punctual. Meet deadlines for newspaper copy or church bulletin notices and reports.

◆ Be prepared. Plan a schedule in advance of events to be publicized, showing through what media and at what time.

## RADIO-TELEVISION AWARDS

In order to recognize the fine work being done through radio and television to promote the Christian way of life, it has been the practice of the Radio-Television Committee to make certain awards at the American Baptist Convention. At the 1958 Convention the committee seeks to make awards in the following categories:

1. To the American Baptist individual who, in the field of radio and television writing, producing or participating, is doing the most original and effective job in the geographical area of the American Baptist Convention.

2. To the American Baptist individual, or group of American Baptists, doing the most creative, original and effective job of writing, producing, or participating in a regular religious television program on the local level.

3. To a regularly scheduled network television program which has made a significant contribution toward Christian life.

4. To a regularly scheduled children's program—radio or television—which makes a significant contribution in encouraging the spiritual, moral and social growth of child life.

Each of these programs must be on the air currently at the time the nomination is made. Please publicize the fact that nominations for these awards are to be sent to: Department of Radio and Television, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, by March 1, 1958.

## FOR ALL ENGAGEMENT BOOKS

Please present the following dates to your women, urging them to attend these outstanding events:

**June 12, 1958, WOMAN'S DAY**, National Council of American Baptist Women, Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio, 9:45 A.M. This is the day when American Baptist women gather from all over the country for inspiration, business, information and fellowship.

**July 12-19, 1958, FIFTH NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Theme: "Grow Up—Into Christ." All national officers and chairmen will participate.

**July 5-12 and August 2-9, 1958, RADIO-TV WORKSHOPS**, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Scholarships up to \$50 are available, applicable toward room and board. Write to the Department of Radio and Television.

Women) just plain works for us. Perhaps the names of the offices scare people, but I can think of no more appropriate names. Our average attendance for the past year is ten—and we do have ten officers.

"We have a President; a First Vice-President, who is in charge of our program; a vice-president of Missions, who remembers our special interest missionaries with letters and gifts on birthdays and at Christmas. She keeps them in our thinking and prayers by relaying their messages and accounts of their work. We have a vice-president of Christian Service, who takes charge of White Cross herself, but she has a chairman of Love Gift working with her. Under our previous set-up we had a Sunshine Chairman. This is very well taken care of by Christian Social Relations. Besides calling to our attention social evils that we must try to help correct, she remembers the sick and shut-ins of our community, supervises the distribution of used clothing, and so forth. Our chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education is the member in charge of the Junior Baptist Youth Fellowship. Then besides our secretary and treasurer we have a vice-president of Christian Training, who carries the responsibility for Spiritual Life. She plans for the devotions at each meeting, special worship services such as the Baptist Woman's Day of Prayer and the World Day of Prayer. We meet twice a month: once to work, either at filling quotas or making quilts; and once to study. We operate as one circle of a large society."

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENRICHMENT AND TRAINING

New opportunities to meet the needs and to assist in solving problems of the women in the small church are being discovered. For example, there are the Regional Town and Country Conferences, being set up by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Several of these conferences were held this past year, and at each of them there was a workshop on women's work in the town and country church.

Dr. Clayton Pepper, of the Town and Country Department of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, writes that another such conference was held in the First Baptist Church in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, for the town and country churches of Pennsylvania and New York. Mrs. H. T. Puchard and Mrs. Margaret Cramer were in charge of a special interest group for women's work in the small church. We hope that many Baptist women in these states were able to take advantage of this workshop.

Mrs. H. A. Tolliver, tells us that one of the members of the board of the Iowa Woman's Baptist Mission Society is now on the Town and Country Committee of the state to represent women's work. She feels that such a liaison situation would be advantageous in all states where there is an existing Town and Country Committee.

The National Council of American Baptist Women appreciates opportunities to help Baptist women in the small churches to understand better our plan of work.



